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## Race weekend half-marathon already sold out

**RUNNING** Records are already being broken by Ottawa Race Weekend, even though it is months away.

Registration for the half-marathon distance, which accommodates over 10,000 runners, has already sold out, organizers announced Monday.

"We're taking it as an early sign that Ottawa Race Weekend 2010 will be another record-breaking year," said Run Ottawa general manager Jim Robinson.

With two months to go before the start gun is fired, over 70 per cent of the full marathon positions have been filled, and 65 per cent of the 10 km race spots are already spoken for.

Ottawa Race Weekend takes place May 29-30.

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## Globetrotters Hot shot moves



Harlem Globetrotters guard Andre (Hot Shot) Branch shows off some skills in front of city hall yesterday. Branch and the rest of the Globetrotters will be in Ottawa for a game against the Washington Generals at Scotiabank Place this Saturday. Story, page 3.

# Barely passing grades

## Alliance gives city 'D' on homelessness, unveils 10-year plan

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The city's current approach to dealing with homelessness isn't working, said an Ottawa homeless advocacy group that unveiled a 10-year plan to eliminate homelessness in the nation's capital yesterday.

"Despite the dedication of professionals and volunteers in the sector, the millions of dollars that are spent by government and many programs involved, we are now no closer to ending homelessness," said Alliance to End Homelessness chair Marion Wright.

Released yesterday, the 2009 report card on ending homelessness in Ottawa determines the progress the community has made.



Alliance to End Homelessness chair Marion Wright said the organization has a 10-year plan to eliminate homelessness in Ottawa.

Homelessness got a grade of D, "because 7,445 individuals stayed in emergency shelters in 2009," said Wright.

"That's the highest number of people that have stayed in shelters since we started the report card back in 2004," said Tim

Aubry, a senior researcher for the Alliance.

The report card gave its first-ever E grade for the length of shelter stay — an average of 57 days in 2009, or an increase of 12 per cent from 51 days in 2008, Wright said. As well, there was a 9.6 per cent increase

in the use of shelter beds, which were used 421,500 times in 2009.

Housing and income received C grades for little or no overall change.

In the face of these challenges, the group yesterday announced its plan to end homelessness in Ottawa over 10 years.

The plan includes reducing the number of people using the shelter system in Ottawa to 2,000 individuals within 10 years; cutting the average length of stay in the emergency shelter to 30 days; reducing the number of households on the social housing wait list to 4,000; and having people spend less than 30 per cent of pre-tax income on housing.

Reaching the goal will mean adding 1,000 affordable units to the city per year.

## Trailblazing repairs to Chalk River plant \$11M per month

**NUCLEAR** The tab for fixing the isotope-making reactor at Chalk River, is running at \$11 million a month, including the cost of the repairs themselves and lost revenues.

That's on top of \$72 million earmarked for the work in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Hugh MacDiarmid, president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., says the repair is a complicated job of a kind never done before.

It has caused delays and forced the company and its technicians to design one-of-a-kind tools and procedures, he told a House of Commons committee yesterday.

The Rube Goldberg improvisations have worked like a charm so far, he said, but it's a slow, painstaking process.

Technicians are essentially using remote-control joysticks and a video screen to weld patches on a spot three storeys below them, which they can't actually see or touch.

The basic problem is corrosion in the thick, aluminum walls of the 50-year-old NRU reactor. It sprang a leak last May and was shut down. Careful inspection with custom-designed TV scanners found eight more trouble spots, where the metal walls of the reactor vessel had corroded sharply.

The company has 300 people working on the project, which runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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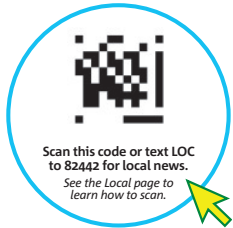
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## Agriculture museum celebrates spring

Visitors can visit with animals and welcome new lambs, rabbits and newly hatched chicks as the Canada Agriculture Museum celebrates the arrival of spring with a variety of activities throughout the Easter weekend. Visitors can also check out exhibitions including Taking Care of Beesness, the tractors exhibition and take part in egg hunts and a bread-making demonstration. METRO OTTAWA



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## Sens playoff tix on sale Saturday

**NHL** After missing the post-season last year, the Ottawa Senators are gearing up for another run at the Stanley Cup.

Tickets for the Sens' first playoff round go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The team is currently sitting in fifth place in the conference, and while there is still a possibility it could miss the playoffs, the likely first-round matchup will be against the New Jersey Devils.

On Saturday, the Ottawa Senators Power Patrol will be at Scotiabank Place to hand out free coffee and Timbits to those waiting to purchase playoff tickets.

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## Globetrotters spin into Ottawa

Renowned basketball showmen also spend time with locals

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**What are the odds of the Harlem Globetrotters losing when they take on the Washington Generals at Scotiabank Place Saturday?**

The Generals are the regular opponents of the iconic touring, showcase basketball franchise. Even though the matches are real games, it's been nearly 40 years since the Globetrotters lost to the Generals.

That's not about to change, said Globetrotters guard Andre (Hot Shot) Branch yesterday, while in

Ottawa to promote the game.

"We'd never hear the end of that story if we lose to the Generals," he said.

The Globetrotters play more than 400 games per year at venues all over the world. They are the best-known basketball club on the planet, said Branch. Though the schedule sounds gruelling, he said a Globetrotters game never feels like work.

"It's a show, a game, it's entertainment and comedy. You get everything from A to Z. You get it all," he said. "It's fun. When you're having fun, you forget about the time."

**"It's a show, a game, it's entertainment and comedy... You get it all."**  
Andre (Hot Shot) Branch

Branch is now in his seventh season with the Globetrotters after an all-star career at Baylor. As his nickname suggests, Branch's standout skill is shooting.

"That's my job. I get off the bus and start shooting." Along with playing basketball, the Globetrotters also take time to visit with people in each city in which

they stop.

Players visit various schools and hospitals. They have two programs, including C.H.E.E.R., a character-building program that speaks to school kids about co-operation, healthy mind and body, effort, enthusiasm, and responsibility, and the SPIN program, about the benefits of physical activity.

"These days, kids just don't like to play outside. They want to stay in the house and watch TV and play video games," said Branch. "Anything with some kind of movement is beneficial. We try to teach them ways they can do it."

## Farmer 'deeply insulted' prison farms being dropped by feds

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**RALLY** Closing Canada's six prison farms is a "stupid idea," but most Canadians don't seem to understand the issue, Kingston area farmer Jeff Peters insisted yesterday.

Farmers and employees of prison farms rallied on Parliament Hill yesterday in an effort to save the farms.

The federal government has committed to dismantling the 125-year-old prison farm system by next year to focus the money spent on the farm program for inmate skills-training programs.

Peters said the farmers have been having difficulty garnering broad public support, but that may just be due to a lack of awareness.

He said he feels "deeply



Prison farm supporter Robin Comolli, left, stands with Stormy the donkey, and Opposition agriculture critic Wayne Easter, the MP for Malpeque, during a rally yesterday on Parliament Hill in support of prison farms.

insulted" by the insinuation that prison farms do not give inmates skills that are

relevant in today's society. "I grew up on a farm. My sons grew up on a farm.

Hard work, punctuality, teamwork, that's what they are learning."

## Speakers say autism treatment lacking

**AWARENESS** The signs started showing up when Suzanne Jacobson's grandson was only 16 months old.

"When we called his name, there was no response. He was retreating more into his own world and we could just no longer reach him," she said.

The toddler was referred to the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, where, months later, he was diagnosed with autism.

While the family waited for diagnosis, there was no help offered, said Jacobson. QuickStart, a program that offers early intervention for autism, was born.

"We now have a pre-diagnosis centre here in Ottawa," said Jacobson, its executive director.

Jacobson was a key speaker in a non-partisan event at Parliament Hill yesterday to mark Autism Awareness Day Friday and to raise awareness of the growing number of autism cases being diagnosed and the lack of services for children with autism.

The program has seen more than 200 Ottawa-area children to date.

"There's no reason why we cannot treat autism within our own communities equitably across the nation," said event organizer Senator Jim Munson. "There is a crisis and I know that we can come up with a plan to deal with the issue that is so important to all of us."

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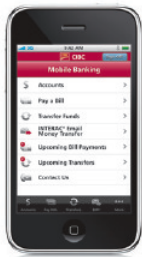
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Singer to deliver class  
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## Gritty play hits town

If Broadway does it, why shouldn't Ottawa?

Quality professional theatre is what Gladstone Theatre owner Steve Martin had in mind when he committed the venue to running its first-ever musical, Blood Brothers.

Written by British dramatist Willy Russell, Blood Brothers is "a wallop of a night out at the theatre," said director Charles McFarland.

The show tells a gritty story of what happens when class divides.

Martin has decided to run Blood Brothers for six weeks because he is confident the show will be well-received.

Blood Brothers runs from April 8 to May 15.

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FOR METRO OTTAWA



Diego Arvelo, Emmanuelle Zeesman and David DaCosta, from left, star in the Gladstone Theatre production of Blood Brothers.

## Ontario sunshine list to be disclosed today

**PUBLIC FUNDS** The provincial sunshine list is being released today.

The Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act requires organizations that receive public funding from the Province of Ontario to dis-

close the names, positions and salaries of employees earning \$100,000 or more per year.

The city of Ottawa released its sunshine list last Friday. City manager Kent Kirkpatrick topped the list

with a salary of \$311,133.23. Mayor Larry O'Brien's salary was \$128,460.71, while Dr. Isra Levy, the city's chief medical officer of health, earned \$270,590.80.

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## Fugitive's fate to be decided

Canadian authorities are expected to decide today whether an American fugitive, who was on an alleged quest to buy a child over the Internet, will be deported to the U.S. Police in Thunder Bay, Ont., arrested Patrick Molesti, 56, of Woodstock, Ga., on Friday night at the Greyhound Bus terminal after the Canada Border Services Agency issued an immigration warrant. U.S. police have been looking for Molesti, a French national, for almost two weeks. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Afghan mission done in 2011: PM

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper is making it crystal clear Canada's military mission in Afghanistan is done next year, even as G8 foreign ministers affirm the need to stay the course in Afghanistan.**

The G8 ministers concluded their meeting in Gatineau, Que., yesterday with a wide-ranging declaration on the precarious state of global security.

That included the need to prevent terrorism from spreading across the world from Afghanistan.

But Harper told U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that Canada has no intention of extending its Afghan military mission beyond its 2011 withdrawal deadline.

The issue was forced into

## Clinton

During a national TV interview Monday, Clinton said she would like Canadian troops to stay in Afghanistan beyond the 2011 withdrawal deadline, perhaps in a training capacity. But Harper spokesman Dimitri Soudas said Clinton never made that request during her 20-minute meeting with the prime minister ahead of the

G8 foreign ministers meeting yesterday. Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff accused the government of not playing straight with Canadians on the Afghan mission, saying it's simply not credible to believe that Clinton has not made a formal request of Canada to stay in Afghanistan.

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the spotlight because Clinton told a Canadian TV audience on the eve of the meeting that the U.S. would like Canadian troops to extend their stay in the war-torn country.

Clinton also said child and maternal-health programs can only be properly delivered if women in poor

countries have access to family planning — including, but not necessarily, abortion.

Clinton said she would not speak for Canada, but she said you cannot have maternal health programs without funding family planning, which includes abortion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton looks towards Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he makes a statement at the G8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting at the Chateau Cartier in Gatineau, Que.

## Driver reckless, inquiry hears

**PROBE** A school bus driver was so shocked by what she says was the reckless behaviour of a fellow driver the month before a fatal crash that she called the school to complain. Hazel Barker told an inquiry into the death of nine-year-old Kathelynn Occena that she saw a bus speeding along a major Calgary thoroughfare one afternoon in late September. She said the female driver was talking on her cellphone with one hand and reaching below the dash with the other. Kathelynn was killed when a bus driven by Louise Rogers sideswiped a parked truck and smashed into a pole in October 2007. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Quebec Empty pockets



Pants hang with their pockets sticking out on the legislature grounds as part of a radio station stunt on the day of the budget yesterday in Quebec City. People were asked to honk their horn and walk around with their pants' pockets sticking out in protest to the government's method of spending their money.

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## Housing gap hurts: Think-tank

**ECONOMICS** A gap in the supply of affordable housing has left one-fifth of Canadians struggling to afford the homes they live in and that's having an adverse effect on national productivity, a prominent think-tank said Tuesday.

The Conference Board of

Canada's report, dubbed Building from the Ground Up, concludes many Canadians can only keep a roof over their heads by cutting costs in ways that could harm their health — such as buying less nutritious food. The report calls upon governments to partner

with real-estate developers and civil organizations to increase the amount of affordable housing in the country, saying such changes would have positive impacts on both Canadians' health and the national productivity level.

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## Child porn bust leads to 73 suspects, police claiming

**INTERNET** A Toronto-area child-pornography arrest has led to a sweeping investigation uncovering 73 suspects in 20 countries, police said yesterday.

The investigation began last November with the arrest of a 29-year-old man in Brampton, Ont., on child-pornography and sexual-assault charges, police

said.

That probe went global, culminating in police gathering evidence against the 73 suspects.

This kind of offence knows no bounds in the Internet age, police said.

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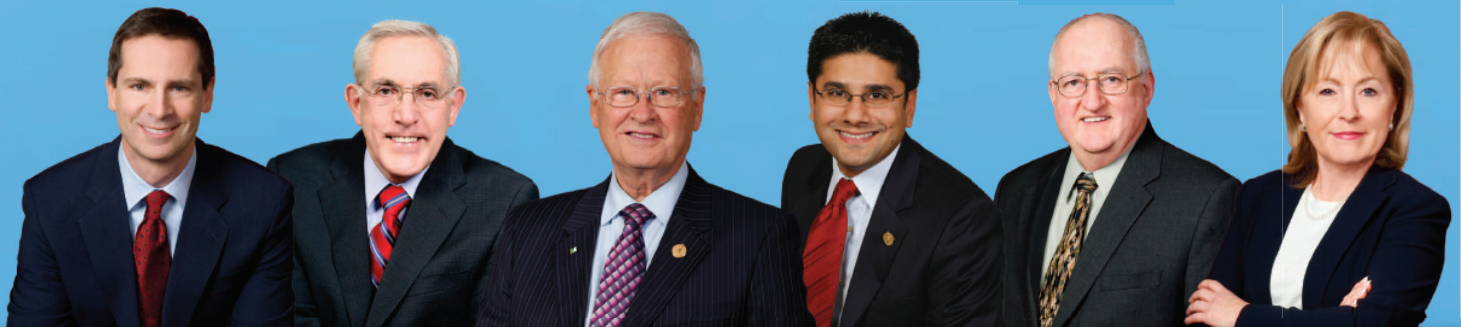
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The court marshal of Capt. Robert Semrau, a Canadian soldier who faces second-degree murder charges related to the deaths of insurgents after an October 2008 ambush in Afghanistan, was told that one of his accusers is a "fairly erratic guy." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Activism **She wants answers**



Pamela Anderson, seen here at the 4th Annual Gridlock New Year's Eve Bash in Los Angeles recently, is firing the first salvo in a new front on the war against Canada's seal hunt, having filed a flurry of Access to Information requests in an effort to undermine the popularity of the hunt among Canadians.

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**Two Nordic nations criticized Canada yesterday for not inviting them to a meeting of Arctic countries, saying the gathering could undermine the work of the broader Arctic Council.**

Sweden and Finland regretted that they and Iceland were left out of the Arctic Coastal meeting in Quebec. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed similar concerns at the meeting Monday. Only the U.S., Canada, Russia,

**"We regret that Canada has decided to invite only five of the eight Arctic nations to this meeting."**

Teo Zetterman, Swedish Foreign Ministry

Denmark and Norway were invited.

"We regret that Canada has decided to invite only five of the eight Arctic nations to this meeting," Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman Teo Zetterman said.

Arctic nations have competing claims in the region, which is believed to be rich in resources and is opening up for exploration because of climate change.

Zetterman said Sweden believes that Arctic issues should be dealt with in the

eight-nation Arctic Council, which meets regularly and also includes indigenous groups.

Sweden and Finland said they are worried the meeting in Canada could raise questions about the political commitment toward the council.

Iceland has previously protested being excluded from the meeting, which took place before a summit of foreign ministers from the Group of Eight nations.

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## Mothers-to-be giving birth away from home

Mothers giving birth and newborns needing hospital care constitute the largest group among patients in Canada who are hospitalized outside their home province or territory, says a new report focusing on the portability provisions of the Canada Health Act. More than 50,000 Cana-

dians were hospitalized in 2007-08 outside the province or territory that issued their health cards, said the analysis released yesterday by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

The report revealed that 23 per cent of the hospitalizations were for new

mothers or their infants, and almost two-thirds of these hospital admissions were planned.

Many of these births occurred in hospitals in the Champlain region of Ontario and in the Prairie North region of Saskatchewan.

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## News in brief

**CROWDSOURCING** Photographer Jenn Marsh of Thamesville, Ont., is asking Facebook users to help name her fifth child with her husband, Joe. Marsh says they are getting a "lot of unique, awesome names" and never dreamed the response "would be this overwhelming."

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A proposal to protect the headwaters of the world-famous South Nahanni River, Northwest Territories.

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Maps, boundary option information and comment forms available on our website (above) or by email. **Deadline for comments: April 30th, 2010**



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Vous pouvez vous procurer les cartes, les renseignements au sujet des limites possibles et les fiches de commentaires sur notre site Web (ci-dessus) ou par courriel. **La date limite pour nous faire parvenir vos commentaires est le 30 avril 2010.**



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Several cars of a CN Rail freight train have derailed near a GO Transit station in Pickering, Ont., just east of Toronto. The Pickering GO station is being evacuated because of the hazardous chemicals in the train cars, CTV reported. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# 'Loophole' in wage freeze?

Premier Dalton McGuinty is defending what opposition parties dub a "loophole" that allows senior civil servants to get performance bonuses despite the pay freeze in last week's provincial budget.

"It's complicated," McGuinty admitted yesterday as Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak ridiculed the Liberals for a "phony" pay freeze.

"For people who are entitled to performance pay ... they will continue to be entitled to performance pay, it's just that the maximum amount available for performance pay is frozen," McGuinty told reporters. "We think that's the fair thing to do in the circumstance."

The premier noted it was the Conservative government of former premier Mike Harris government that introduced performance pay to the civil service in an effort to create incentives for working harder and meeting goals.

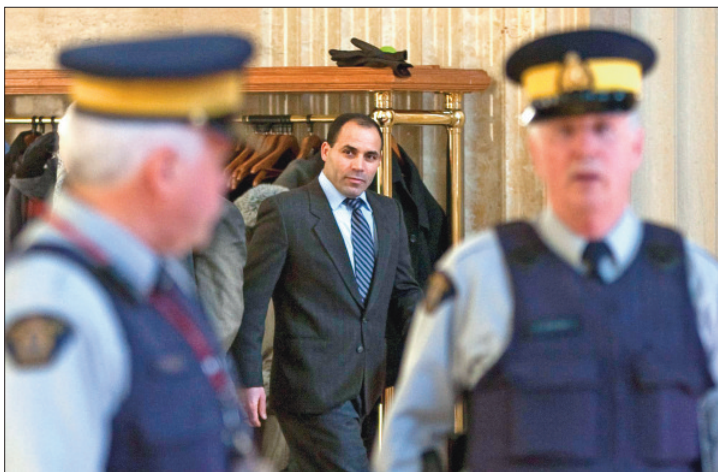
## \$750M

The freeze is intended to save about \$750 million a year by keeping the lid on wages for about 350,000 public sector workers.

"You still have to work for that," McGuinty said of the potential payouts.

But Hudak said exceptions must be made at "extraordinary" times like these, when the government is fighting an expected deficit of \$19.7 billion for the fiscal year starting Thursday. "This shows that there is no wage freeze. This is a phoney wage freeze," he said.

Concerns about the freeze comes as the government's "sunshine list" of government and public sector workers — such as hospital, municipal and university employees — earning more than \$100,000 a year comes out today. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Mohamed Harkat, middle, enters the courtroom as his testimony began during his Security Certificate Hearing at the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa in this Feb. 1 file photo.

## Harkat security certificate case nearing its end

**TERRORISM** A Federal Court is hearing closing arguments in the case of an Ottawa man accused of being a terrorist sleeper agent, with his lawyers set to argue the government violated his rights by issuing a security certificate against him.

Mohamed Harkat, 41, was arrested in December 2002 after the Canadian Security Intelligence Service

alleged he had ties to known al-Qaeda operative Abu Zubaydah and other Islamic extremists.

He was released on bail in 2006 after being held without trial under a national security certificate.

The former gas-station attendant and pizza delivery man, who lives in Ottawa with his wife, Sophie, has denied the allegations and said he is merely a

refugee who fled strife-torn Algeria, working with an aid agency in Pakistan before his 1995 arrival in Canada using a fake Saudi passport.

The public portion of the case is expected to wrap up this week in Ottawa, with a separate portion of the hearing closed to the public because of security issues to be presented in May. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Ontario plans to tighten Taser rules for police

**WEAPONS** Ontario is tightening the rules around the use of stun guns by police and will provide guidelines for the use of force when it comes to vulnerable people such as youth and the mentally ill.

A report commissioned by the government in 2008 recommends the continued use of Tasers in Ontario, calling them "an effective, less lethal weapon" for police.

However, the police standards advisory committee found "variations" between operational procedures and training for the weapons from force to force across the province.

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## News in brief

**FOOD** Police are investigating new allegations of food tampering at a Calgary grocery store, this time at a Safeway. Police were called to the store Monday for reports of a metal item being found in a loaf of bread. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Facebook is about to change the way it asks its users to connect to brands on the site. Instead of asking people to "become a fan" of companies such as Starbucks, Facebook will let them click on a button that indicates they "like" the brand. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## Veil ban hard to enforce: French council

France's highest administrative body warned yesterday that a total ban on full-body Islamic veils in public risks being found unconstitutional, a setback to President Nicolas Sarkozy's goal of an all-out ban. Even a limited ban on the full-body veil would be difficult to enforce, the Council of State said in a study of the legal possibilities for a broad application of a ban on burqa-like garments.

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## Moscow Day of mourning



A portrait of student Tatyana Akimova, killed in one of Monday's subway blasts in Moscow, is placed at Lubyanka station yesterday. Flowers overflowed from rickety tables in two subway stations in memory of the 39 passengers killed in a double suicide bombing as Russia began a national day of mourning.

## Dead babies dumped into Chinese river

The bodies of 21 babies, some with hospital identification tags around their tiny ankles, washed ashore on a river in eastern China and two mortuary workers were detained for allegedly dumping them.

News footage yesterday showed the babies — at least one of whom was stuffed in a yellow plastic bag marked "medical waste" — strewn along a dirt riverbank near a highway overpass. A few wore diapers.

Some of the babies appeared several months old, while the official Xinhua News Agency said the bodies included fetuses.

Local residents and firefighters recovered the bodies Monday after they were discovered under a bridge spanning the Guangfu River on the outskirts of Jinan in Shandong province.

Interviews with residents who made the grisly find were broadcast on the Web site of the Shandong

Broadcasting Company. One said he thought a body was a toy, but then he spotted several others. Another expressed concern because the river is a source of drinking water for villagers living nearby.

Hospital ID tags on eight of the babies helped investigators trace them back to the Affiliated Hospital of Jinan Medical University, Xinhua reported.

Hospital mortuary workers Zhu Zhenyu and Wang Zhijun were fired and taken away by police.

The babies' families had paid the pair to dispose of the bodies, but they instead dumped them at the river.

Three top hospital officials were fired or suspended and the government ordered the Jinan Municipal Health Bureau to make a public apology, Xinhua said.

"It exposes a serious

loophole in the hospital's management and indicates a lack of ethics and legal awareness of some hospital staff," Jinan city government spokesman Gong Zhenhua said. "It exerts a very negative impact on society and teaches us a profound lesson."

More than 1,000 comments were posted on Netease, a Chinese news Web site, within hours of reports on the discovery of the bodies.

"These people are completely without conscience and morals and should be shot," one comment said.

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## Berlusconi strengthens political grip

ITALY Premier Silvio Berlusconi emerged as the victor in regional elections held across Italy and widely depicted as a test of his popularity, final returns showed yesterday.

Berlusconi's coalition won crucial races and wrested control of four regions from the opposition. The Northern League, an anti-immigration party and government ally, also fared very strongly, and will likely see its national influence significantly increase.

Overall, the conservatives won six regions — compared with the two they controlled going into the vote — while the centre-left opposition held on to seven.

For Berlusconi, the success means a strong popular endorsement for the remaining three years of his mandate. It gives the Italian leader momentum to push through controversial reforms, including overhauling the justice system.

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## News in brief

**FLORIDA** A sheriff's deputy was able to track down and arrest a man on charges of illegally dumping a boat near his home with a surprising tool: Google Earth. The Pensacola News Journal reports that Deputy Gregory Barnes used the images after finding an 18-foot boat dumped in an undeveloped subdivision. Google Earth shows archived satellite and aerial images of communities across the world. Barnes used it to look at the surrounding area and saw a fuzzy image of the vessel at Dwight Everett Foster's home. Authorities say Foster admitted dumping the boat.

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**GERMANY** Two months after Germany's Roman Catholic Church became embroiled in a sex abuse scandal, the flood of new cases, allegations and complaints has started to ebb, the church's top investigator said yesterday. Though the church has not tallied the number of cases that have surfaced since January, "it looks like the strongest wave is over," Bishop Stephan Ackermann said. So far, estimates put the total number of German cases at well over 250, but Ackermann said he had no way to confirm numbers, as some cases may not have reached him.

**SWITZERLAND** The world's largest atom smasher conducted its first experiments at conditions nearing those after the Big Bang, breaking its own record for high-energy collisions with proton beams crashing into each other yesterday at three times more force than ever before.

In a milestone for the \$10 billion US Large Hadron Collider's ambitious bid to reveal details about theoretical particles and microforces, scientists at the European Organization

## Big Bang

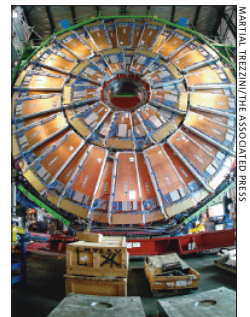
• Dubbed the world's largest scientific experiment, researchers hope the machine can approach on a tiny scale what happened in the first split seconds after the Big Bang, which they theorize was the creation of the universe some 14 billion years ago.

tion for Nuclear Research, or CERN, took high-tech photographs so they could study the disintegrating protons after they collided

at a combined energy level of seven trillion electron volts. The collisions herald a new era for researchers working on the machine in a 27-kilometre tunnel below the Swiss-French border at Geneva.

In a control room, scientists erupted with applause when the first successful collisions were confirmed. Their colleagues from around the world were tuning in by remote links to witness the new record, which surpasses the 2.36 TeV CERN recorded last year.

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Britain's press watchdog has criticized Rod Liddle, a columnist for right-wing newsmagazine The Spectator, for saying "the overwhelming majority" of violent crime in London is committed by young black men — the first time the Press Complaints Commission has censured a blog. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Amnesty prods China on executions

**Amnesty International urged China yesterday to release details on the "thousands" of people it is believed to have executed last year.**

"Chinese authorities claim that fewer executions are taking place," the group's interim secretary general Claudio Cordone said. "If this is true, why won't they tell the world how many people the state put to death?"

Among numerous campaigns on behalf of human rights, Amnesty is perhaps most vocal in its opposition to capital punishment. The group keeps track of the official number of executions every year and publishes them in an annual report.

According to official data, at least 714 people were executed in 18 countries in 2009. But that figure does not include the thousands of people who are believed

to be executed in China every year, as information on the death penalty is a closely guarded state secret in China.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry duty officer reached after hours in Beijing had no immediate comment. While there's no indication that China plans to make its execution figures public, the country's highest court issued new guidelines last month that said the death penalty should be limited to a small number of "extremely serious" cases.

Outside of China, the nations with the most executions were Iran with at least 388 executions, Iraq with at least 120, Saudi Arabia with at least 69 and the United States with 52 in 2009. The United States was the only country in North or South America to have carried out capital punishment.

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## China 153 miners still trapped



Relatives of mine workers weep at the Wangjialing coal mine southwest of Beijing yesterday. Workers reported underground water leaks days before a flood coursed through the coal mine in northern China, where 153 people remained trapped.

## News in brief

**JAPAN** The investigation into the near-fatal shooting of Japan's police chief 15 years ago, a high-profile case linked to the religious cult behind a nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway, has been dropped be-

cause the statute of limitations has expired, police said yesterday. National Police Agency chief Takaji Kunimatsu was shot three times 10 days after the sarin nerve gas attacks on the city's subways during rush

hour on March 20, 1995, that was eventually blamed on the Aum Shinrikyo doomsday cult. The five co-ordinated attacks killed 13 people and sickened 6,300 others.

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## Taliban chased out by villagers?

**AFGHANISTAN** It was billed as a sweep of the last major Taliban stronghold southwest of Kandahar, but for a combined force of 1,000 Afghan and Canadian troops, it was more like chasing ghosts.

The soldiers arrived in the eastern Panjwai district only to be told by local villagers that insurgents had already been chased away. Elders in Nakoney and nearby Adamzai — both villages long recognized as transit points for the Taliban — insisted they had ejected the militants, telling them they were no longer welcome.

Afghan and Canadian commanders wasted little time taking credit, of which they described as proof NATO's new counter-insurgency strategy is working. It was just last fall when Canadian and Afghan troops fought their way into Nakoney, a village the mere mention of which makes battle-hardened Canadian soldiers cringe. Only two suspected insurgents were captured during four days of ground searches by soldiers.

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**Bulgarian minister quits amid scandal**

Bulgaria's health minister has resigned over corruption charges linked to a drug order for the swine flu pandemic. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Serbia divided over massacre

**Serbia's legislators clashed yesterday over whether to condemn the 1995 massacre of 8,000 Muslims in Srebrenica, illustrating the divisions that still persist over the country's war-torn past.**

Serbia's pro-western authorities have put forward a declaration that offers sympathy and apology to the victims, saying it would promote reconciliation in the region and help Serbia's efforts to become a member of the European Union.

"The National Assembly of Serbia harshly condemns the crime committed against the Bosniak residents of Srebrenica in July 1995 ... expressing condolences and apology to the victims' families because not all was done to prevent this tragedy," the proposed

declaration says.

The legislators were expected to vote on it later yesterday.

The declaration, however, met with strong opposition from Serbian nationalists, who called it "shameful" and "unjust." They insisted fewer people were killed in Srebrenica and denied Western accusations of mass executions. "Serbia will sign its own guilt with this declaration," said Slobodan Samardzic, a nationalist deputy. In Sarajevo, Bosniak victims also said they were unhappy with the declaration because it failed to call the killings a genocide.

The execution of Srebrenica's men and boys by Bosnian Serb troops was Europe's worst carnage since World War II.

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### Categorical term

• In 2009, European Parliament condemned the Srebrenica massacre as genocide and called on the region to commemorate its July anniversary. The Hague-based International Court of Justice also has ruled that genocide was committed in Srebrenica, and that Serbia had not done enough to prevent it.

## Blair returns to attack young Tory

**CAMPAIGN** Former Prime Minister Tony Blair made a dramatic pre-election return to domestic British politics yesterday with an attack on the policies of David Cameron, the young Conservative leader sometimes nicknamed "Tory Blair."

Blair's return, weeks before a national election, came in a speech urging voters to give his Labour Party a fourth term in office.

"In uncertain times, there's a lot to be said for certain leadership," Blair said, dismissing the Conservative campaign slogan "vote for change" as "the most vacuous slogan in politics."

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### News in brief

**UNREST** Thai protesters demanding new elections said they would not return to negotiations with the government and would resume street demonstrations. But the prime minister said the talks would continue. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Comment

# Veiled discrimination

## TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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If you ask me, too many people wake up in the morning with the following first thought: Let's ban something.

Jean Charest, the premier of Quebec, woke up recently and decided to ban the niqab and the burqa, the veils favoured by a few ultra-orthodox Muslim women that cover everything but their eyes. I'm not going to waste your time arguing about pros and cons of the burqa and the niqab.

But I do not want to live in a country that allows one of its provinces to ban religious or secular adornments. If Charest can ban the burqa, he can also ban, in no particular order:

Honking big crucifixes; Mohawk haircuts; turbans; phylacteries; plaid golf pants; and Speedos for all men more than 150 pounds.

Have you ever come across a squadron of middle-aged weekend bicycle warriors decked out in lemon-lime lycra?

Shouldn't they be banned, too? How about really bad toupees? Take them down!

We're not talking about an epidemic here. According to one estimate, there are about 25

offenders altogether in Quebec. There are probably more people wearing leashes and dog collars who like to be escorted around town on all fours by their favorite dominatrix.

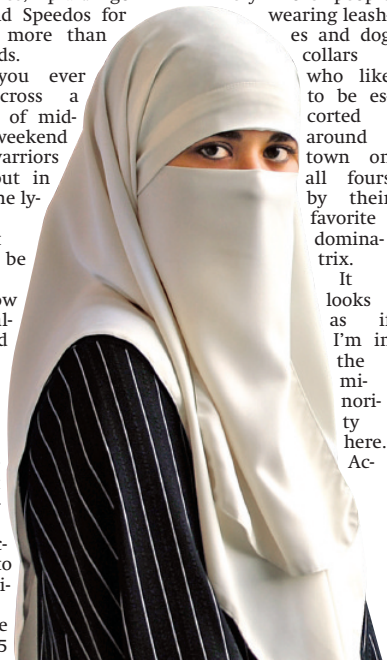
It looks as if I'm in the minority here. According to Angus Reid, 95 per cent of the Blocheads Québécois are in favour of the ban, naturally, although it's OK for them to smoke Gauloises and end up with COPD and become wards of the medical system.

Perhaps more surprising, 80 per cent of the Rest of Canada also supports the ban, so by picking on a few Muslim women, Charest has unified the nation. Way to go, Jean.

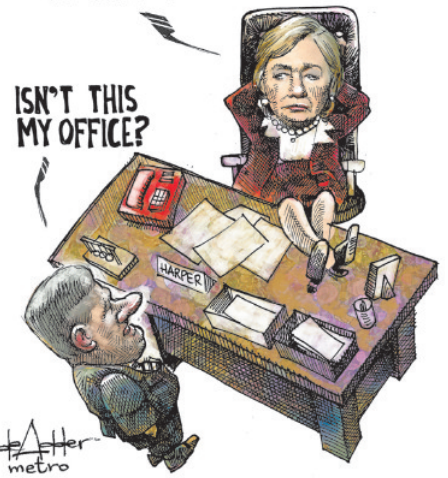
It's time to give our heads a shake. This is the land of freedom. Thousands have fought and died for our right to remain free. It's the basis of our democracy. If some people are a little different, we can tolerate that.

It's called diversity, and in this nasty, censorious world it's the hope of the future. Even in what seem to be inappropriate expressions of the past.

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## Online chatter

**Asked on Twitter:** What's the first sure sign of spring for you?

### OTTAWA

**@myutopian:** signs of spring: all the delayed holiday video games are released before the fiscal year end!

### HALIFAX

**@brimaco:** plus-fifteen degree weather for at least a week straight, and tulips!

**@sweetthb:** its the sunshine and flowers blooming and seeing everyone happy because the weather is so nice and no winter gear anymore.

### TORONTO

**@mposchange:** 1st sign of spring 4 me ... I would rather walk 3 blocks 2 the subway instead of shiver'g inside a bus shelter waiting 4 a bus.

### CALGARY

**@starbuckly:** signs of spring: somebody starts a grassfire



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on nose hill (every single year I tells ya) ... the playground on princes island park is packed with kids well into the evening

**@glacqua:** Sure sign of spring: The ice on

Glenmore Reservoir breaks up!

**@ironic\_mom:** 1st sign of spring = seeing all the cheap plastic toys in my backyard strewn about the dead grass

### EDMONTON

**@stuartparsons:** Just saw some geese flying north, its definitely spring time in #YEG ... Flippy Floppies. And seeing more and more cars with their windows rolled down

**@elekin:** Easy. Motorcycles on Whyte Ave. Gotta have good weather to use them hogs!



## Word on the street: What's the first sure sign of spring for you?

**Matt Tate**  
Ottawa

A: Miniskirts and frat boys playing guitar in the quad.

**Dani Paulson**  
Ottawa

A: Legs. Definitely love me some legs in the spring.

**Florian Olsen**  
Ottawa

A: The end of snow. March.

**Sarah Balderson**  
Edmonton

A: The first sign of spring, I think, is the flowers blooming and the trees, and the green grass. Just the nature part of it.

**Bruce Beveridge**  
Halifax

A: When the roads are clean and I can drive my motorcycle.

**Erin Wilson**  
Vancouver

A: Going outside more. Going out without my winter jacket, on purpose. Going to the beach, just being outside.



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## NASA to examine Toyota for probe

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## Risky times for April Fools' Day jokes

**Corporations can make headlines with elaborate April Fools' Day ruses, but in today's economic climate, they're feeling conservative.**

After all, pranksters are always taking a chance: The butt of the joke might laugh, but could scowl. When times are tense, the risk is even greater.

"There's been quite a significant mindset shift since 9-11 on both sides of the spectrum, companies on

one side and consumers on the other," says Merrill Mascarenhas, managing partner at Arcus Consulting Group, a Toronto-based research and strategy consulting firm.

In the '80s and '90s, people were more relaxed and open to pranks, Mascarenhas says. But these days, businesses and consumers are feeling insecure and marketers are opting for grounded and transparent communication over any-

## Fast food joke

- For April Fools' Day in 1998, Burger King cleverly launched left-handed Whoppers, designed to reduce condiment spillage for lefties.

thing frivolous, he says.

A March Arcus survey of 430 senior marketing executives found 66 per cent were looking for risk-adverse strategies rather than

new and innovative ways to stay in the forefront of their consumers' minds.

Corporate pranks can be useful marketing strategies, but only if they fit the company brand, says David Soberman, a professor of marketing at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. Pranks might be best suited for companies that

already poke fun at themselves, such as A&W, he says.

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## In brief

**ECONOMY** Analysts are looking for another key growth indicator today when Statistics Canada reports how the economy performed at the start of the year. The consensus is that the country's gross domestic product grew by 0.5 per cent in January, which should put Canada on track for a quarter of rapid growth.

**TOURISM** Tourism spending in Canada increased 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, as outlays by both international visitors to Canada and Canadians were up.

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## China Hamburger University opens



Tim Fenton, left, McDonald's president for Asia, Pacific, Middle East and Africa, launches the McDonald's Hamburger University with school officers in Shanghai, China, yesterday. It will train new generations of managers as foreign companies step up efforts to develop and keep Chinese talent. China is McDonald's fastest-growing global market as the country's \$300 billion-a-year "informal eating out" market expands at an annual rate of 10 per cent, said Fenton.

## Canada among most competitive countries: Study

**ADVANTAGE** A new study by an international accounting firm shows Canada is among the most competitive countries in the world in terms of the cost of doing business in the country.

The KPMG group says Canada enjoys a five per cent advantage over its closest competitor, the United States, and ranks only behind Mexico among 10 countries examined.

The firm, which conducts biennial studies on competitiveness, says a slight easing in exchange rates and tax cuts to corporations over the past two years has given Canada the edge against the United States from a break-even position in 2008.

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Star middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans is staying in Houston. A team official told The Associated Press last night that Ryans has agreed to a six-year contract with the Texans. Ryans was the 2006 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Sports

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## Sports in brief

**JAYS** The Toronto Blue Jays pared their active roster down to 29 players by optioning pitchers Jesse Carlson and David Purcey to triple-A Las Vegas, and assigning outfielder Jeremy Reed to minor-league camp.

**SOCCER** CSKA Moscow will play for "pride and honour" in the first leg of its Champions League quarter-final at Inter Milan, with today's game coming just two days after suicide bombers killed 39 people in Moscow subway stations. "It's a real tragedy, there's no other way to describe the pain," CSKA manager Leonid Slutsky said yesterday. "The city of Moscow has cried and it's a loss for all of Russia. We will do our utmost to honour our country and our football with great pride."

**TRADE** The Florida Marlins acquired left-hander Nate Robertson from the Detroit Tigers for left-hander Jay Voss yesterday. The trade enables

Robertson to start with the Marlins and assures left-hander Dontrelle Willis a spot in the Detroit rotation.

**TRACK** Caster Semenya says she will return to competitive racing this season, releasing a statement on the same day she was denied a chance to run at a meet in South Africa because the results from her gender verification tests have not yet been released. The 19-year-old Semenya, who has not raced or spoken publicly since she won the women's 800-metre race at the world championships in Berlin in August, said yesterday she has not done anything wrong and should be allowed to race.

**NFL** Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Santonio Holmes denies hurting a woman who says he threw a glass at her in an Orlando nightclub and claims another woman hit her with the cup, according to a police report released yesterday.

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## Sens punish Capitals in OT

### NHL RESULTS

**Senators 5 Capitals 4 (OT)**



**Alex Kovalev scored a power-play goal 4:42 into overtime — his first point since the Olympic break — and the Ottawa Senators beat the Washington Capitals 5-4 last night for their fifth consecutive win.**

Kovalev picked up his 18th goal of the season after Nicklas Backstrom was whistled for a tripping penalty in the extra period, extending the NHL standings leaders' winless streak to three games.

Kovalev was shut out in his first 12 games after the Vancouver Olympics.

Jason Spezza had two goals and two assists, and Peter Regin and Chris Campoli also scored for the Senators. Daniel Alfredsson added two assists, and Brian Elliott made 17 saves while allowing as many goals as he did in his last four games, when he went 4-0 with a pair of



Ottawa goalie Brian Elliott blocks a shot by Capitals' left-winger Alex Ovechkin during the first period of last night's game in Washington. Ottawa won 5-4 in overtime.

shutouts.

Alexander Semin scored his 36th and 37th goals, and Mike Green and Mathieu Perreault also scored for the Capitals. Alex Ovechkin had an assist for his 101st point of the season.

Jose Theodore, who was pulled in the first period of a 5-3 loss to Calgary Sunday, made 26 saves.

The Capitals already have clinched the No. 1 overall seed in the Eastern Conference, and the Senators are all but pigeon-

holed into the No. 5 slot, so both teams are focused on fine-tuning for the post-season. Washington coach Bruce Boudreau shuffled his lines, but his team fell into an early hole for the second straight game.

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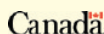
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OTTAWA 5	Washington 4 (OT)	Indiana 102	Sacramento 95
Atlanta 3	Toronto 2	Oklahoma City 111	Philadelphia 93
Detroit 5	Edmonton 4	Phoenix 111	Chicago 105
Boston 1	New Jersey 0 (OT)	Milwaukee 107	L.A. Clippers 89
Columbus 3	Tampa Bay 2	Washington at Houston	
N.Y. Rangers 4	N.Y. Islanders 3	<b>TODAY'S GAMES</b>	
St. Louis 4	Chicago 2	L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7 p.m.	
Los Angeles 2	Nashville 0	Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	
Phoenix at Vancouver		Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.	
		L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 7 p.m.	
		Oklahoma City at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	
		Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	
		Phoenix at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.	
		Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.	
		Sacramento at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
		Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.	
		Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	
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## Canadians reach hockey semifinals

Leading scorers Jessica Campbell and Brigitte Lacquette helped Canada secure a berth in the IIHF under-18 women's world hockey championship semifinals with an 8-0 rout over Sweden yesterday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Mark Van Bommel of Bayern Munich challenges Darren Fletcher of Manchester United during the UEFA Champions League quarter final, first leg match yesterday in Munich, Germany.

## Bayern turns tables on Man United

**SOCCER** Bayern Munich showed Manchester United what it's like to lose a crucial Champions League match in injury time with a 2-1 victory yesterday, while Lyon beat Bordeaux 3-1 in another quarter-final match.

United, which scored twice in added time to shock Bayern 2-1 in the 1999 final, had not long conceded a 77th-minute equalizer to France winger Franck Ribery when Ivica Olic dispossessed Patrice Evra in the United area and shot low into the bottom corner.

And United's bad night got worse seconds later when star striker Wayne Rooney, who had opened the scoring with his 34th club goal of the season, was helped from the field with an ankle injury that could threaten his involvement

## Rooney hurt

- Wayne Rooney was hurt while competing for the ball with Mario Gomez.
- United will assess the injury today but Rooney could miss Saturday's Premier League meeting with title rival Chelsea.

in next week's second-leg match at Old Trafford.

United can still advance to the semifinals for a fourth straight year with as little as a 1-0 win, but veteran midfielder Paul Scholes is the only fit player in United's squad to have scored more than one goal in the club's nine Champions League matches.

"He's got a kick in the ankle," United manager Alex Ferguson said of Rooney. "We'll just have to wait and see tomorrow. Hopefully

it's not too serious."

Ferguson said Rooney could sit out Saturday's crucial Premier League meeting with Chelsea, which trails the defending English champion by just one point with six games remaining.

But it was not a lack of cutting edge that cost United victory yesterday at Allianz Arena.

"Bayern were the better team; we can't complain about that," Ferguson said. "But we're better than that in possession. We kept giving it away and it causes your own downfall."

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## Few college free agents become NHL standouts

## TheHockeyNews

Ken Campbell

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The Ottawa Senators are undoubtedly aware that it's possible to find quality NHL players among the graduating class in U.S. col-

lege hockey. Current Senators Ryan Shannon, Andy Sutton and Jesse Winchester all signed as undrafted free agents after four years of college hockey, as did former Senator and Kanata native Todd White.

It is with visions of that kind of success that the Senators signed 22-year-old winger Bobby Butler from the University of New Hampshire earlier this week. Butler skated with the Senators for their morning skate prior to last night's game in Wash-

ington but wasn't expected to be in the lineup. He could, however, see his first NHL action to-

morrow night when the Senators host the Carolina Hurricanes.

But before anyone gets too excited about the prospects of Butler becoming a star, it would be wise to note that the number of college free agents who turn out to be regular NHL players is dwarfed by the players who never make a mark. When it comes to college free

agents, some teams have the philosophy that you sign as many as you can and hope one turns out.

But there certainly are exceptions to the rule. Martin St. Louis is the poster child for college free agents. He played four years at the University of Vermont before signing as a free agent with the Cleveland Lumberjacks of the defunct International Hockey League in 1997-98. From there, he signed an NHL contract with the Calgary Flames and bounced around the minors for a couple of seasons before establishing himself with the Tampa Bay Lightning at the age of 25. It should be noted that the Flames put St. Louis on waivers not once, but twice, and had no takers.

Current NHL players such as Dan Boyle, Andy McDonald, Rene Bourque, John Madden and Chris Knutson also slugged it out for four years in college before making it as late bloomers to the NHL, so it certainly can be done.

If Butler turns out to follow in their path, the Senators will be the beneficiaries and stand to reap the benefits for years. If not, there is little risk on the Senators part, since he is signed only through the rest of this season and next before becoming an unrestricted free agent.

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## Coyotes won't give up on staying in Phoenix

**NHL** Rumours continue to swirl about the Phoenix Coyotes moving to a new city, but inside the dressing room there is a sense of pride over showing hockey doesn't have to melt away in the desert.

The Coyotes, considered a dead team playing in October, are playoff bound after putting together one of the best seasons in the franchise's NHL history. That has brought fans back to the building and renewed interest in the sport.

The more success the team enjoys, the better the odds of the Coyotes staying where they are, said captain Shane Doan.

"As a team, we really want to stay," Doan said yesterday prior to the Coyotes playing the Van-

couver Canucks.

"The guys have taken a lot of pride in proving that it (hockey) could work in Phoenix and Arizona. We have worked hard trying to keep it there."

Lee Stempniak, acquired from Toronto at the trade deadline, shrugged off the latest rumour about the Coyotes maybe returning to Winnipeg.

"I have paid zero attention to it," said Stempniak, who had 12 goals in his first dozen games since coming to the Coyotes. "I couldn't tell you what the latest rumour is. We are focused on playing. Winning is fun and you want to keep that winning feeling going."

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## Turkoglu accepts coming off bench

**RAPTORS** Like all good sons, Hedo Turkoglu will abide by the wishes of his dad.

As he moves into a new role with the Raptors, a backup for now as the team makes its final push to the NBA playoffs, Turkoglu is done talking about roles and "ball" and his place in the big Toronto picture.

For now, he'll do what they want, and just play.

"My dad told me silence always is a good solution," said Turkoglu, who once again will come off the bench when the Raptors face the Los Angeles Clippers at the Air Canada Centre tonight.

"So, from now on..."

In no way was the 31-year-old being malicious or petulant or critical as he discussed his demotion from the starting lineup, a

blight on an already bad season for the high-priced free agent forward.

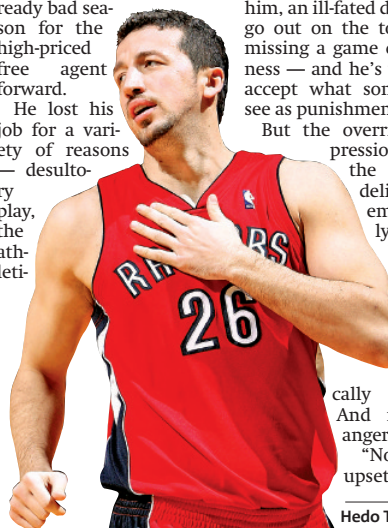
He lost his job for a variety of reasons — desultory play, the athletic-

cism of the players behind him, an ill-fated decision to go out on the town after missing a game due to illness — and he's willing to accept what some might see as punishment.

But the overriding impression is that the message delivered emphatically with his benching in Miami Sunday was unequivocally accepted. And not with anger.

"No, I was upset that I

Hedo Turkoglu



couldn't help but I can't be angry," Turkoglu said before he came off the bench to score 11 points in Toronto's much-needed win in Charlotte Monday night.

"I respect all the decisions, and from now on I'm going to. You're upset that you see the situation and you can't help. You can't be mad about it. All you can do is be positive. From now on, I'll try to be positive."

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# Workology

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## SFU opens up

In recent months, Simon Fraser University has been building its support of open-access publishing of scholarly articles. In January, the university's senate library committee endorsed an open-access strategy for the institution's library. Last month, SFU established an open-access fund to support university researchers who publish articles in open-access journals. **Metro news services**

# Barbie an engineer mentor?

Women often have no one to look up to in male-dominated field

## Engineering the Future

During the month of March, Metro Workology focused on the engineering field and what it means to the aspiring engineer and the world as a whole. We hope you enjoyed it and thanks for reading.

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Canada

Everybody knows Bob can build it, but what about Barbie? For career number 125, the iconic doll has mastered the geek-chic look and become Computer Engineer Barbie, according to Mattel.com.

The doll comes with a cellphone headset, laptop bag and pink laptop and was the first professional Barbie chosen by popular vote. So how do real-life women engineers feel about engineer Barbie?

Elizabeth Croft, associate head of engineering at the University of British Columbia, says Barbie is a good ambassador for women engineers.

"I don't see the downside to this. Barbie's been a doctor and a lawyer. It's only natural that she should also be an engineer," Croft says.

Croft noted only about 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female and about 18 per cent of engineering students are female. She had no female engineering role models when she started in the profession.



Computer Engineer Barbie, right, standing along side News Anchor Barbie, is the 125th version of the iconic doll. Only 10 per cent of the engineering workforce is female.

She says it's a cultural issue, with people unconsciously thinking of engineering as a man's job. That changed with doctors and she says it's time for engineering to catch up. Perhaps Barbie can help engineer social change.

"I don't have any issues with Barbie. Barbie's come a long way," she says, noting she was a Lego girl herself.

In Halifax, Corinne MacDonald, assistant engineering professor at Dalhousie University, laughs when

she sees the image of Computer Engineer Barbie.

"Actually, I like it. She's not even wearing heels," she says.

Like Croft, MacDonald didn't have any female engineering role models.

"That's probably one of

**"I don't see the downside to this. Barbie's been a doctor and a lawyer. It's only natural that she should also be an engineer."**

Elizabeth Croft, UBC's associate head of engineering

the biggest problems we have in engineering. It's catch-22: There aren't a lot of women in engineering and to attract more women to engineering, we need more women in engineering," she says. "I think any opportunity we have to put that thought in girls' heads is a good thing."

MacDonald was a stellar math and science student in high school, but engineering never crossed her mind until she took a computer career test. Its top suggestion was engineering.

"At which I point I went, 'What's that?'" she recalls. Her guidance counsellor filled her in and MacDonald started on the engineering path. Female role models, even plastic ones, help young women visualize themselves as engineers, she says.

"I liked to play with Barbies, but I liked to play with building blocks, too. Maybe Barbie could run the project and boss all the other Barbies around," she laughs.

For more of the Engineering the Future exclusive series check Workology every Wednesday or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)

## Regina profs blasted on Hero take

**SCHOLARSHIP** Veterans and politicians say they are dismayed that a group of University of Regina professors has asked that the institution withdraw from its participation in Project Hero, a scholarship program for children of fallen Canadian Forces personnel, arguing that the program glorifies military action.

The Royal Canadian Legion disagrees, stating the issue is not about Afghanistan, but about properly caring for soldiers and the families of those who don't return from combat. Some Saskatchewan-based MPs are demanding the professors issue a public apology to Canadian military families. uRegina says it will keep the scholarship.

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## Workology in brief

**UMANITOBA TO PROPOSE TUITION HIKES FOR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS** At a town hall meeting last Thursday, University of Manitoba president David Barnard said the institution will propose massive tuition hikes for its professional schools to the province next month. Medicine is looking to double its fees over four years, management is seeking 55 per cent, and dentistry wants 40 per cent. While he promised to consult students on the proposed professional fee increases, Barnard said uManitoba will not guarantee holding a student referendum on the matter, as has been done previously. Barnard also stated that the university has implemented a hiring freeze, asked every faculty and department to cut five per cent of its budget.

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The Newfoundland and Labrador government's 2010-11 budget, announced Monday, includes significant investments in infrastructure at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Losing out on skilled workers

Foreign-trained doctors are being forced to jump through hoops amidst a shortage

**For Nadia Abunassef, the term "landed immigrant" has an irony to it; a pediatrician and neonatologist with more than 25 years of experience, Abunassef can't work in her field in Ontario. So she flies to Saudi Arabia for four months at a time to maintain her practice in Jeddah.**

It is an unsettling lifestyle and a disruption she didn't imagine when she first applied for Canadian residency as a skilled worker in 2005. She and her family — her four children are in medicine or aim to be — easily met the requirements federal immigration officials use to grade skilled workers who apply to emigrate here. Just as many foreign-trained doctors do, Abunassef learned about the qualifications needed to practise in Canada only after she began the immigration process.

While Canadian patients certainly expect to be treated by qualified physicians, the question is: Are all the hurdles internationally trained medical graduates must jump to practise here necessary? After all, there's a shortage of about 2,000 licensed doctors in Ontario.

"If the government wants to benefit from out-skilled workers, then put them in the position to practise their skills. For me, I now can't have a job working as a physician," said Abunassef, who was born in Egypt and achieved landed-immigrant status last April.

For medical graduates from abroad, becoming a licensed physician in Ontario is often an immense challenge that inspires feelings of exasperation, contempt and a deep desire for change.



Nadia Abunassef has more than 20 years of experience as a pediatrician in Egypt and Saudi Arabia but can't practise in Ontario.

"The system makes no sense whatsoever," says Rani Beharry, who was born in Kitchener and completed two undergraduate degrees from the University of Toronto before leaving to attend prestigious medical schools in the United Kingdom.

Beharry wanted to return in 2003, but was told Ontario didn't recognize her foreign degrees.

**"There's a physician shortage here and I don't understand what the hang-ups are."**

Rani Beharry

She went to Yale instead, and trained as an internist. Beharry's training outside of Canada is now accepted here and she has entered the medical system, but she must still go through a one-year assessment while she works at Georgian Bay General Hospital before she can receive an independent practice certificate.

"Not to sound arrogant, but, when I'm getting recruiters from across the States calling me and when I've practised internal medicine already, then I do find

it hard to believe that I need to do this year of being evaluated," says Beharry, who wanted to be closer to her family in the GTA for some time.

"There's a physician shortage here and I don't understand what the hang-ups are."

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario said it is approving more internationally trained medical graduates than ever. The College issued a record 393 independent (unsupervised) practice certificates in 2008, and from 2004-2008, it gave out more certificates, independent and otherwise, to medical graduates from abroad than to Ontario graduates.

"Of the 393, 24 per cent came fully qualified. They didn't have to take any other type of training or be exempted from any requirement of licensure, because they were fully qualified to practise in Ontario," said Kathryn Clarke, CPSO's senior communications coordinator. The organization has advocated for more residency positions.

"We have no control

whatsoever over the number of positions in the system. That would be the ministry and the medical schools, who have the in-

frastructure for only so many positions."

A dramatic increase in licences — 1,511 practice certificates were issued in 2008, up from 636 in 1997 — is proof efforts to reform the system are working, Clarke said.

"There have been a number of steps taken by the organizations involved. That's the college, the Ministry of Health and the medical faculties. We're all working together to increase access to training positions and the ministry has funded more internationally trained medical graduate residency positions in recent years."

The oversight bodies have won plaudits for setting up the Access Centre at Healthforce Ontario, a government agency that provides resources to newcomers and has proven vital to

medical graduates from abroad. It counts 6,000 clients, according to Wayne Oake, director of the access centre. Many of them hope to obtain one of roughly 200 residency positions the province's medical schools set aside annually for internationally trained medical graduates.

"It's a complex path to practise. We work with our clients on all the skills they need to develop to improve their opportunities for one of those residency spots," said Oake.

Better communication between the qualifying professional boards and the federal immigration agency, he said, would ease the resentment felt by doctors who arrive expecting a smooth transition, because they were recruited as skilled workers.

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# Contractor or employee?

Labeling someone an independent contractor does not make them so

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**Daniel Lublin**

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It's workplace law's newest phenomenon: Employers, happy to unburden themselves from the various costs and liabilities associated with their employees, increasingly retaining "contractors" to perform the same services their employees did before. Often their former employees are transformed into contractors and these "contractors", content to pay less taxes than they did when employees, are not about to complain. However, this arrangement is often a fraud.

When these arrangements are challenged, sometimes many years later, courts are apt to find that the contractors were truly employees. No surprise there. The arrangement represented little else than a "label." Seldom will a label be sufficient. What really matters is how the parties behave.

When will a court find that a contractor is actually an employee?

Despite signing an inde-



Many companies are opting to avoid the costs and liabilities of employees by hiring "contractors."

pendent contractor agreement and incorporating his own company, the Ontario Court of Appeal concluded that Gordon Braiden was an employee.

Braiden, a sales agent, worked full time and exclusively for La-Z-Boy, which controlled which products he sold, how he sold them, where his sales

territory was and what promotional methods to use. It did not matter that Braiden had incorporated his own company, according to the court, because ultimately he was part of La-Z-Boy's business, not his own business.

Just recently, the Court of Appeal also found that real estate agent Elizabeth McKee was an employee even though she had signed a contract, had her own incorporated business and invoiced her principal for commissions. Without her principal's involvement, McKee hired, trained, and managed her own sub-agents who worked for her in selling her employer's homes.

Following a fallout which cost her job, McKee sued arguing that she was employee. The fact that McKee operated a business within her work for the company did not mean she was a contractor, nor did the fact that she hired and supervised her own staff. Since she worked for 18 consecutive years exclusively for her employer and had become

an integral part of its business, the court declined to uphold the contract and characterized her as an employee. She was then awarded nearly half a million dollars in severance.

Labeling a worker as a contractor is not dispositive, even if the worker agrees. Courts will always consider the true nature of the relationship to determine how the parties actually behaved.

If you want to employ or be employed as a contractor, then do as follows:

**"Labeling a worker as a contractor is not dispositive, even if the worker agrees. Courts will always consider the true nature of the relationship to determine how the parties actually behaved."**

Ensure that there is a clear separation between the employer's business and the contractor. Permit the contractor to perform services for others and to maintain genuine discretion

over how and when he or she performs the job. Even an airtight independent contractor agreement will not be reliable unless the parties stick to what it says.

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## Red Deer College honoured

**BOOKSTORE** Red Deer College's bookstore has received the US-based National Association of Campus Stores Foundation 2010 Innovation Achievement Award for its innovative method of promoting environmental responsibility while raising funds for its scholarship program.

Under "The Scholarship's in the Bag" initiative, customized reusable bags were sold in the bookstore and library to replace traditional plastic bags, and 50 cents from each bag sale is contributed to the RDC Bookstore Scholarship Fund.

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## UVic ends feral rabbit project

**WILDLIFE** The University of Victoria announced last week that it has concluded its pilot project designed to reduce the feral rabbit population on campus.

The contracted wildlife damage control company did not reach UVic's goal of capturing, sterilizing, and relocating 150 rabbits.

The company had captured 51 rabbits, but could not relocate them to several area sanctuaries as originally planned. The company was permitted to release 40 of the sterilized rabbits back on campus.

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7. Cole Warren	NS, CA	1029	376	631	1007
7. Kyle Turk	NS, CA	1040	424	583	1007
9. Blaine Schlechter	AB, CA	1002	402	603	1005
10. Bernie Horton	ON, CA	968	415	585	1000
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**Quebec school gets \$2.1M for aquatic products plant**

L'École des pêches et de l'aquaculture du Québec, based at Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles will receive \$2.1 million for construction of a pilot plant to develop aquatic products from the school. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Lifelong learning being ignored: Report

## Canadian Council for Learning president blast Tories' decision to end its funding

**Failure to promote lifelong learning is jeopardizing Canada's future economic prosperity, the Canadian Council on Learning warned in its swan-song report yesterday.**

The report was issued one day before federal funding for the council's work is to be cut off — a decision Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff called “an act of vandalism.”

“Without the kind of research that the CCL does about the state of learning across the country, Canada's flying blind on learning and training and education,” Ignatieff said after the report's unveiling.

The document paints a dire picture of economic stagnation and social upheaval unless more is done to ensure Canadians continue to learn throughout their lives.

“Canada has made little, if any, progress in lifelong learning over the past few years,” it says.

“We remain in a holding pattern that contradicts



The Canadian Council for Learning says that Canada is falling behind other developed nations in lifelong learning because of a lack of organization and consistent monitoring.

what we profess to know to be true — that securing a sustainable future and quality of life depends on the development of our people.”

Council president Paul Cappon said other developed nations are doing

much more than Canada, which puts the country's economic competitiveness at risk.

“We must decide now that our learning strategies will be more effective, better organized and constantly monitored or the 21st

Century for Canadians will be painful,” Cappon said.

“Better organized competitors will eat our lunch.”

Moreover, the report says the lack of concerted action to continuously educate Canadians, from ear-

ly childhood to adulthood, will lead to more crime and illness.

“If left unchecked, lack of progress in learning at every stage of life could soon translate into increased pressures on many sectors of Canada's economy, including social-assistance programs, the health-care system and the criminal justice system.”

With the Conservative government ending the council's funding effective today, the report was something of a wrap-up of its work over the past six years and a look into the future. The council presented the report to about 20 MPs and senators.

Ignatieff, who has promised to make lifelong learning the central plank of his party's next election platform, said a Liberal government would restore council funding. He said it's a vital tool for monitoring the state of learning in Canada and helping government decide where best to invest money.

“We're at the bottom of a list of 25 countries in what we invest in early learning and child care. We have had a 40 per cent decline, according to (the council's) numbers, in what businesses and corporations invest in on-the-job training,” Ignatieff said.

“How are we supposed to be productive? How are we supposed to be competitive? How are we supposed to create jobs for tomorrow unless we make investments together in these areas?”

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said the council's funding was for a fixed term which has now expired.

She boasted the country was awarded an A in education and skills training by a recent Conference Board of Canada report and she maintained that the government has made “unprecedented” investments in other mechanisms for monitoring progress.

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# Passing the professional car torch

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**Michael Goetz**

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Jon Mitchell might have said it best: "You don't know what you got, till it's gone."

Or maybe it was the garage band, The Monks: "I hate you with a passion baby... but call me!"

In any case, you get the sentiment. A fixture in your life suddenly packs a suitcase and heads out the door. You don't know whether to laugh or cry.

I was thrown into such a conflicted state with the recent announcement that Ford is readying a new police car based on the new Taurus.

We knew it already, but this gives real finality to the coming curtain call of the Crown Victoria and its two stable mates — Mercury Grand Marquis and Lincoln Town Car. The only reason these cars have lasted this long is because they are loved by those with "professional car" needs — police forces, funeral operators, and limousine, rental and taxi fleets.

And not because these cars are technically advanced. But rather, because they're not technically advanced.

They are the last full-size American cars standing with body-on-frame construction, V8 power, front bench seats, and a transmission shifter mounted on the steering column.

"That platform has to go back to the 1970s," says Walt McCall, over the phone from Windsor, Ont. McCall literally wrote the book on professional vehicles (18 of them actually, with a specialty in hearses and fire trucks).

He adds that the police business basically fell into Ford's lap, after Chrysler and GM downsized and "front-driven" their largest sedans.

While police vehicles based on Dodge Chargers



Ford is readying a new police car based on its Taurus platform and finally calling it curtains for the St. Thomas, Ont.-built Crown Victoria, arguably the most used cop vehicle.

and Chevrolet Impalas are making inroads, the Crown Vic police car still dominates. Chances are, if you have ever been "pulled over" for a discussion on a driving manoeuvre, and/or have been requested to spend a night or more in the "crowbar hotel," a Crown Victoria has been idling nearby.

The plant in St. Thomas, Ont., is the exclusive production facility for those dinosaurs; Ford said it would close the plant sometime in 2011.

"No doubt we're in an era of change," says McCall. "There's a big question mark about these specialty vehicles, particularly which ones we will see

used in the funeral and limousine business."

So if you're not in the business of moving dead bodies around, should you be worried about the looming passing of this automotive form, the big-frame, big-engine, rear-drive, "three-box" American sedan?

I'm a little verklempted,


**"Chances are, if you have ever been 'pulled over' ... a Crown Victoria has been idling nearby."**

but most people seem to be taking it in stride.

Jamie Bull, general manager of Heritage Ford in Scarborough says no one is busting his door down, looking for new Crown Vics. For one, thing, they're only available to bona fide fleet accounts. For another, because many go into rental service, year-old ones can be had at considerable savings (\$18,000 vs \$35,000).

Bull adds the vehicles have their devotees, but they're definitely not a big, unruly group. Generally, he says, "these are buyers looking for a big, simple car, with not too many buttons and switches."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.




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# GTI brings hot hatch excitement

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
for Metro Canada



**MODEL:** 2007 to 2009 Volkswagen GTI

**VEHICLE TYPE:** Three-door or five-door performance hatchback

**APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE:** \$17,000 to \$24,000

**HISTORY/DESCRIPTION:** The Volkswagen GTI has a long history of combining the utility of a hatchback and the performance of a sports car. Volkswagen has just updated the GTI for the 2010 model year, and the preceding generation has transitioned fully into the used car marketplace.

Last-generation GTI models were available in three- or five-door models from 2007 to 2009. This generation offer shoppers much of the same flexibility, performance and refinement as the 2010 model — but at a lower used-car price.

All last-gen GTI models

were powered by a two-liter four-cylinder engine with direct injection and an intercooled turbocharger. Output was rated at 200 horsepower, and transmission options included a six-speed manual or a six-speed dual-clutch Direct Shift Gearbox or DSG. The DSG transmission functions as an automatic, but can also execute perfectly rev-matched and lightning-fast shifts via shift paddles mounted to the steering wheel.

Look for options like a sunroof, heated leather, xenon lighting, 18-inch wheels, heated mirrors and a 10-speaker stereo system.

## Second Gear

**WHAT OWNERS LIKE:** The GTI's performance was the big draw for most owners, though utility, fuel mileage and overall quality and refinement of the vehicle were commonly praised, too.

**WHAT OWNERS HATE:** Some owners wish for a more



2007-09 Volkswagen GTIs pack both fun and dependability in one impressive hatchback.

comfortable ride, especially with the 18-inch wheels and low-profile tires mounted.

**COMMON ISSUES:** Thankfully, the last-generation GTI's engine seems to be largely free of the issues that plagued the 1.8 litre turbo engine in the genera-

tion before it. A few checks are still advised, though.

Watch for smoke from the tailpipe with the engine running and driving. Smoke could indicate a problem with the turbocharger or cylinder head.

Where possible, and especially on higher-mileage units, remove the plumb-

ing that connects the turbocharger to the intercooler and inspect for oil buildup inside. A thin film of oil is typically normal, though any pooling or heavy buildup could indicate worn out turbo seals.

A blocked PCV valve or worn-out diverter valve could cause weak or incon-

sistent performance. These are easy parts to fix, but be sure to have your potential used GTI candidate inspected by a VW mechanic if you're not comfortable with how it's running.

Numerous owners have had to reprogram or replace the computer that controls the advanced DSG transmission. This relatively un-proven driveline component could be expensive to replace out of warranty — so if in doubt, just opt for the six-speed stick. Note that some delay between throttle application and forward motion is normal with the DSG transmission, but harsh shifting or 'surging' are not.

Finally, inspect all electric and electronic features for proper operation, and call the condition of any excessively worn-out tires or brakes into pricing negotiations.

**THE VERDICT:** A used last-generation VW GTI with a thumbs up from a mechanic should prove to be an exciting and dependable ride for years.



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# Travel



## Rolling into Mexico's gold coast party

Motorcycle fans are gearing up for five days of high-octane fun and adventure along Mexico's golden Pacific Coast. Mazatlán hosts the 15th Annual International Motorcycle Week from Apr. 7-11. This year's event is expected to draw more than 300,000 bikers and spectators to Mazatlán from across North America and Mexico. The centrepiece of the 2010 International Motorcycle Week is the Great Parade, when more than 15,000 bikers take part in a colourful procession of international motorcycle clubs. Visit [gomazatlan.com](http://gomazatlan.com). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Meander into Morocco

Metro finds the best places to see, eat and drink in this Muslim nation

CÉLIA PEDROSO  
Metro World News

**Agadir has a warm weather all year long, perfect for relaxing after the adventures in other regions of Morocco.**

Metro found what to see, and eat and the do's and do not's for the region.

**SEE****La Vallée des Oiseaux**

The Valley of the Birds is a small zoo where you can find indigenous and migratory birds.

Children love it and access is via the Petit Train (the small train). Also see the Earthquake Museum (Agadir was destroyed by a huge quake in 1960) in the Jardin de Olhão.

**HEAR****Berber sounds**

Some bars in the Corniche (the promenade by the sea) offer traditional live music. Bar Fly in hotel Tafoukt, in the city centre, has a lively atmosphere and has both karaoke and live music in its Moroccan lounge. To get in the mood sit in and puff the water pipe.

**EAT****Fresh sardines**

In the Corniche, relaxing in front of the sea, you can enjoy real fresh fish, like sardines (Agadir is the world biggest sardine fishing port) or seafood. Traditional meals, like the couscous and tagine (meat or vegetable dish made in a clay pot with spices) are tasty and cheap. Avoid the very touristy places where waiters try to talk to you in German.

**DRINK****Thé à la menthe**

Although Morocco is a Muslim country you can drink alcohol in most restaurants, bars and cafés. And, Moroccan red wine can be quite good. However, the best drink on a terrace is the traditional thé à la menthe (mint tea, very sweet). Try the terrace at Palais des Roses Hotel.

**WEAR****T-shirt or a top**

Moroccan people are very friendly and their hospitality is well known. However some visitors forget that this is a Muslim country, failing to respect local culture. Not wearing a T-



Hardcore surfers will prefer Taghazoute, but Moroccan beaches have more to offer than the surf.

## Flight costs

- From Canada to Morocco the cheapest way is usually to fly with Zoom to London and then to catch a budget flight to Morocco. It will cost you around \$1,000.

shirt in the city or a bikini top on the beach is simply not acceptable.

**DO****The Beach**

The hardcore surfers prefer the Taghazoute, some kilometres up North, but Agadir remains perfect for most windsurfing, kite surfing, sailing, jet-skiing or even for a relaxing horse ride by the sea.

**DON'T****Take pictures without asking**

Don't take pictures of people without asking them first. People are friendly but like everywhere else they don't like to feel they're being watched.

Some might ask for a small tip but in general they simply say yes.

**SAY****'Shokran'**

If you want to show some courtesy say "shokran" (thank you). In Agadir people speak mainly Berber, Arabic and French. But as result of being a seaside tourist city, many speak English and



No matter how hot it gets, resist taking off that T-shirt.

German as well.

**DON'T SAY****'No to thé à la menthe'**

If you're offered a thé à la menthe in a shop, café,

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Ray's caters to street riders, mountain bikers and dirt jumpers.

# Bringing the mountain indoors

Cleveland quickly becoming a Mecca for extreme bike riders

SUSAN GREENWOOD  
Metro World News

**Cleveland: Steel, flats as far as the eye can see, great piles of factories, smoke curling into the sky, rivers cleaving their way through the mud.**

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To the seasoned mountain biker however Cleveland is Mecca.

For here, in the industrial heartland of the Mid West is Ray's Mountain Bike Park — the world's biggest — 100,000 square feet of ramps, routes, drop offs and jumps.

A bike heaven built from an old parachute warehouse and a refuge in the winter months when riding outside is only for the insane.

Skate and BMX parks are pretty well established across Europe and the United States. But Ray's is the first location to cater to all types of mountain bikers. Here, Lycra-clad cross-country folk share space



Ray's is the world's largest indoor mountain bike park with over 100,000 square feet of fun.

with dirt jumpers and the facilities are built to test — and help you improve — your skills. There are technical rocky sections, places to practise your balance and a pit filled with foam for those keen to nail backflips without landing on wood or concrete.

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bike videos play on a loop on the big flat screen TV.

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**Lost star Kim gets hitched**

She may be "lost" for a few more episodes but Yunjin Kim has found the man of her dreams. The South Korean actress who plays Sun Kwon on ABC's hit *Lost*, married her boyfriend, Jeong Hyeok Park, in Hawaii on Sunday. **PEOPLE.COM**

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# Entertainment

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**Back to books**

James Franco may be hitting the books ... again. The actor, 31, has been accepted to Yale University's English Ph.D program, the Yale Herald reports, adding that he will begin in September.

## Cyrus shines in serious actress role

Sparks' latest adaptation is predictable romance

**The Last Song****Director:** Julie Anne Robinson**Stars:** Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth, Kelly Preston, Greg Kinnear**Classification:** PG**Rating:** Ⓜ

ANNE BRODIE  
for Metro Canada



Miley Cyrus leaves her cheery Hannah Montana persona behind in her latest role as an irritable, depressed teenager in *The Last Song*. It shows a good start in proving herself a dramatic actress.

So Miley Cyrus is dating her co-star in *The Last Song*, Liam Hemsworth, a handsome tanned and blond Australian actor.

Now that's out of the way, there's bigger news for Cyrus' fans in this moody movie written by Nicholas Sparks.

Cyrus doesn't sing but plays classical piano; instead of spreading her charm far and wide, she mopes and rebels and fails to thrive. She's irritable, depressed, dressed in teenaged angst black and just wants to be alone. You almost expect her to pull out a cigarette. Hannah Montana, the squeaky

clean TV and movie supernova that made the Cyrus family famous and wealthy, is gone. At 17, Cyrus is attempting a brand relaunch as a serious actress.

She plays Ronnie, who's

traumatized by the divorce of her parents and struggling to get her bearings in a world she no longer trusts. Rebellion boils over when she's sent to spend the summer with her estranged father (Greg Kinnear) at his beach house.

She refuses to speak to him and takes off at the slightest whiff of parental concern. But the beach volleyball kids write her off as emo, and the tough kids try to lure her into drugs

and violence. An alpha guy from the volleyball brigade named Will seems to like her without judging her, but Ronnie resists him because she's haunted by the fragility and heart-break of love she witnessed in her parents' break-up.

But Ronnie and Will get to know each other on the beach, a sensual and romantic setting where sunrises, lapping waves and minimal clothing lead to longing stares and an occasional kiss. They bond over the plight of the sea turtle. But their romantic, sexless idyll is soon broken by tragedy. After all, this is a

Nicholas Sparks story; chastity and misfortune make for plenty of bitter-sweet tears and repeat business.

Cyrus is interesting; she has unconventional looks, a voice like a trucker, atrocious posture, and frequent public lapses of good taste in evening wear. But she is magnetic and appealing with considerable screen presence. She is a star because of her winning persona, not the singing, or the dancing. She does her best to further herself as a dramatic actress and hopefully, she'll continue to find roles that will challenge her, and her fans.

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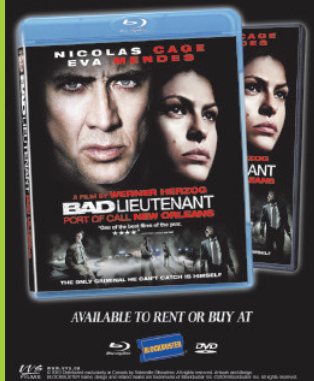
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Peaches canned

Peaches Geldof, left, has been sacked by underwear range Ultimo after naked pictures of her allegedly engaging in a heroin-fuelled romp with a man were put on the Internet. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Get Twiggy with it

Back in the '60s, when Twiggy conquered London and fashion changed forever, the waif of a teen with huge eyes, a boyish bob and long legs craved the glamour and curves of a different icon.

"I wanted a fairy godmother to make me look like Marilyn Monroe. I had no boobs, no hips, and I wanted it desperately," said the world's first bold-face supermodel.

What she wanted was all around her: Fuller-figure models with names nobody remembers, many of them middle-class or upper-crust older girls biding their time before landing husbands. Absent any of that, what Twiggy had was extreme youth, a thirst for fashion and triple-layered false eyelashes that fed her right into the

decade's social revolution alongside the Beatles and Pop art.

Now 60, she remains a one-name wonder with a joyous laugh, a gift for chat and a home girl cockney accent. She's achieved, slightly, some of those coveted curves, but she hasn't lost her edge. The singer, dancer, actress and author isn't done yet.

On April 3, Twiggy will hit HSN with an affordable line of skinny jeans, ruffled blouses, gypsy skirts, jackets and accessories in bold colours and price points of under \$100. That, she said, would have pleased her younger self, who saved up spending money to splurge at London's Biba boutique.

"I've always had the strong belief that fashion

should be for everyone, not just for wealthy people," said Twiggy. "Lots of people can't afford to spend lots of money on clothes, and they should have nice things, too."

Lots of people who wear lots of different sizes. The "Twiggy London" line will be available up to around size 20, said the creator, who cites genes — not starvation — for the rail-thin look that made her the face of 1966 at age 16.

It's not the first time Twiggy has indulged her interest in design, or remote shopping. Her "Twiggy Collection" of last decade was sold online through Great Universal. There were other home shopping ventures as well. Back in the '60s, she put out a line for teens but left it in the dust of some bad business partners after three years.

The youngest of three girls, she was born Lesley



Fashion model Twiggy, as seen in this 1968 file photo.

Hornby in north London's Neasden to a carpenter dad and a factory worker mom who worked a Woolworth's counter to earn extra money. At 5-feet-6, Twiggy weighed only 91 pounds when she exploded into the culture.

Working Saturdays as an assistant in a hair salon, she met Nigel Davies, who became her boyfriend and manager, changing to the flashier Justin de Villeneuve. They arranged for a popular hairdresser to engineer her androgynous 'do for photos he put up in his salon. The pictures



Twiggy, as seen in one of her designs for HSN, in London.

were spotted by one of his clients who wrote for the Daily Express and splashed Twiggy across two pages to launch her career.

By 1967, she was on the cover of Vogue, jetting around the world working six days a week and spreading the London look to America.

Before she was discovered, she was already painting on tiny lower lashes — "my twigs" — to

help make her eyes look as large as tea saucers. Her look was perfect for emerging unisex trends and ever-rising hemlines.

She retired from modelling in 1970 after four years, joking at the time: "You can't be a clothes hanger for your entire life." She moved on to stage, films, TV and singing, earning two Golden Globes and a Tony nomination. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



These handbags and shoes, above, from the Twiggy fashion line for HSN (Home Shopping Network) will be available in bold colours on April 3.

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**Jon Heder drops out**

This is hardly dynamite news for Comedy Central: Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite) has abruptly dropped out of the Will Ferrell-produced sitcom he was set to star in for the cable net. **EW.COM**

## Film looks at cost of separating families

**FILM** Berlin film festival winner Wang Quanan says shooting his new movie, *Apart Together*, made him appreciate the personal cost of China's civil war.

The Chinese director's film had its Asian premiere yesterday at the Hong Kong International Film Festival.

It is inspired by a true story that reflects how families on opposite sides of the political divide were separated for decades after China split in 1949, when Mao Zedong's communists forced the then-ruling Nationalists, led by Chiang Kai-shek, to retreat to the island of Taiwan.

*Apart Together* tells how a Nationalist soldier visits the wife he left behind in the mainland who has since remarried. Reunited with the love of his life, the retired soldier wants to bring her back to Taiwan, but his plans spark a major backlash in his wife's new family.

"The strongest feeling I came away with after making this movie is that the pain actual families had to

bear because of divisions within a race, a country, are much greater than we think they are," the 45-year-old director said on the sidelines of the Hong Kong festival.

"Even if people are reunited, the emotional distance between them created by time takes a long time to overcome," he said.

*Apart Together* won a Silver Bear for best script at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. Wang's previous film, *Tuya's Marriage*, won the festival's top Golden Bear prize in 2007.

The Chinese director said his next project will be a 100 million yuan (US\$14.6 million) adaptation of Chen Zhongshi's 1993 epic novel, *Bailuyuan*, which follows the disputes between rival families in a Chinese village through three generations. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Wang Quanan

## Wicked returns to Toronto

**THEATRE** The smash musical *Wicked* is set to bewitch Toronto again.

Mirvish Productions says the show — which has won a Grammy and three Tony Awards — will return to the city for a third time this October.

The musical is set in the Land of Oz, before Dorothy dropped in, and centres on the friendship of the future *Wicked* Witch of the West and the Good Witch of the North.

Mirvish says the last time

*Wicked* was in Toronto, in 2005 and 2006, it broke box office records and sold out in record time.

Group tickets to the return engagement, set for Oct. 20 to Nov. 28 at the Canon Theatre, are now on sale. Single tickets will be available starting June 7.

*Wicked* is based on the bestselling 1995 novel by Gregory Maguire. The music and lyrics are by Stephen Schwartz and the book is from Winnie Holzman. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Back to the future, again

This summer will see a hot-tub-full of recycled '80s hits

**Clash of the Titans** writers Phil Hay and Matt Manfredi are understandably excited about their movie arriving in theatres Friday. But if you really want to get them going, mention the *Red Dawn* remake coming later this year.

"I love that movie," Hay says of the 1984 Cold War adventure flick, where Colorado high school students use guerrilla warfare to stave off a Soviet invasion of America. "Everyone from my generation loves *Red Dawn*. It's really ripe for a remake."

These days, it seems any movie that came out during the 1980s is ripe for a remake. *Clash of the Titans* and *Red Dawn* are but two of a significant number of '80s-related films Hollywood will bring to theatres in coming months.

Joining their ranks are Disney's mega-budget *Tron* sequel starring Jeff Bridges; reboots of *The Karate Kid*, *Predator* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* franchises; a follow-up to Oliver Stone's *Wall Street* and the Sylvester Stallone-directed *The Expendables*; an '80s-style, men-on-a-mission movie teaming Stallone with other action stars of his vintage.

"It's crazy, man," Bridges says. "You almost want to look around and make sure people still have their cell phones and laptops."



Jaden Smith, left, and Jackie Chan star in a new version of *The Karate Kid*.

It's like going back in time."

You mean, like stepping into a Hot Tub Time Machine? The nostalgia-infused gross-out comedy *Time Machine*, which opened last weekend, uses the '80s as a punch line, taking its heroes back to a decade heavy on the legwarmers, mullets and primary colours.

Chalk it up to the fact that the people who grew up watching *Freddy Krueger* and *Mr. Miyagi* are now in a position to green-light the movies they loved

as children.

"Certainly, there's a fondness for that culture for those who come of age with it, and now we want to share it," says Columbia Pictures president Doug Belgrad.

In addition to *The Karate Kid*, Belgrad, 44, and Columbia co-president Matt Tolmach, 45, are developing sequels and reboots to such 1980s properties as *Ghostbusters*, *21 Jump Street* and *The Smurfs*. 20th Century Fox will release a feature film based on the '80s action-adven-

ture TV series *The A-Team* this summer.

"Grown-ups are always looking for movies they could share with their kids," Belgrad adds.

With *The Karate Kid*, he notes, Will Smith took that idea a step further, suggesting remaking one of his favorite childhood movies with his 11-year-old son, Jaden, starring. The new *Karate Kid*, due in June, shifts the action to Beijing, attempting to add a dash of culture clash to the familiar story.

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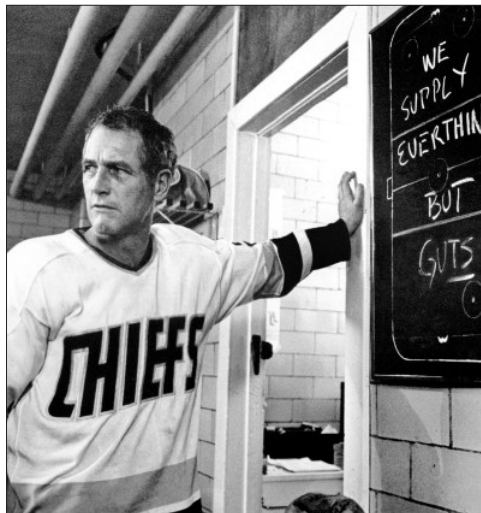


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Freakonomics, a documentary based on the best-selling nonfiction book, will close the Tribeca Film Festival. The movie is based on the 2005 book by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Actor Paul Newman is shown in the 1977 film Slap Shot.

## Team's woes mirror Slap Shot

In the 1977 cult hit movie *Slap Shot*, when player/coach Reggie Dunlop learns his minor-league hockey team will fold, he boosts player morale by planting a phoney story in the local paper: The Charlestown Chiefs are moving south.

And now, 22 years after they were founded in a moment of inspiration from the film, the real-life Johnstown Chiefs really are moving south, to Greenville, South Carolina.

But the move is doing anything but boosting the morale of this gritty town, where the economy and its people never recovered

from the steel industry meltdown of the 1970s and the last of three titanic floods.

The movie, starring Paul Newman, was shot in Johnstown as a barely disguised homage to the beloved Johnstown Jets. The team folded the year the movie was released, after floodwaters damaged ice-making equipment at the team's riverside arena.

The Johnstown Chiefs

were founded in 1988, and a succession of owners has laboured to keep the team alive, largely because Slap Shot stoked interest in the city's tragicomic love affair with what the movie called "old-time hockey."

**"Slap Shot stoked interest in the city's tragicomic love affair with what the movie called 'old-time hockey.'"**

"Slap Shot was a big factor in me, personally, having the team here, owning the team," said majority owner and head coach Neil Smith, 56. "I was fascinated by that: The original building, the small town, the whole thing."

Formerly the general manager who led the New York Rangers to their last Stanley Cup championship in 1994, Smith bought the cash-strapped Chiefs in 2002. He promised not to move them for at least two seasons, but sought a local buyer sentimental enough to keep the team in town and rich enough to write off the team's perennial losses.

(Movie irony: The rich owner in *Slap Shot* folded the team as a tax write-off.) Trouble is, hockey in

rough-and-tumble Johnstown, about 100 kilometres east of Pittsburgh, sells better on DVD these days. Now, Smith's pipe dream is selling out the team's farewell game Saturday at the 4,001-seat arena, built in 1950.

Despite a top ticket of \$14 and no seat more than 15 rows from the ice, the Chiefs have only 900 season ticket holders and appeared lucky to draw two-thirds as many fans on a recent Wednesday night. Smith needed 2,700 fans each night to break even.

The Chiefs have rarely been a winner and, reportedly, never a moneymaker. What's unclear is whether a rebound is on the horizon.

Smith's minority partner, attorney Ned Nakles, is selling his 10 per cent share, but forming a non-profit to retain rights to the Chiefs name, logo, records and statistics — just in case.

Given Smith's battles with various partners (he's suing one group for \$300,000 in allegedly unpaid bills) and a rugged economy, it's surprising the Chiefs have lasted as long as they have.

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## Usher stands for honesty

**With more than 40 million records sold worldwide, R&B star Usher figures he has a pretty good idea what his audience wants.**

His unique "brand," he says, is honesty.

So following the somewhat disappointing commercial returns hauled in by 2008's *Here I Stand*, the 31-year-old decided to go back to the basics and deliver the raw, candid intimacy that he thinks fans want on *Raymond v. Raymond*, which drops today.

That Usher's new album *Raymond v. Raymond* was released meant delving yesterday.

ing into his 2009 divorce from Tameka Foster and showcasing a side of himself that he doesn't think fans have seen before.

"I had to reflect on the last two, three years of my life," Usher told *The Canadian Press* over the line from his Atlanta home.

"Having fallen in love — (I) had some of the greatest experiences in life and love — and then coming to a divorce, obviously, would play a great deal in understand-

ing myself. And a lot of the stories that I speak of on this album come out of personal experiences.

"(My fans) want honesty, they want to feel like they've been connected to your experience ... and *Raymond v. Raymond* is that. I feel like I'm my own worst enemy and my greatest supporter at the same time. And I'm not hiding behind an alter ego of any sort, but really dealing with me."

And if his previous sales are a reliable indicator, Usher would certainly seem to have his audience figured out.

Usher (nee Usher Raymond) has been a pop star since he released his debut album at the tender age of 15, when his baby-faced good looks, smooth dance moves and fluid tenor earned comparisons to Michael Jackson that have persisted over the course of his blessed career.

While he sold millions of copies of his first three albums, he shimmied past the threshold into superstardom with 2004's massively successful *Confessions*. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**





# No Idol downtime

Latest castoff reflects on hectic schedule

**The latest American Idol castoff says downtime doesn't exist when you're on the show.**

"There are no days off," says 24-year-old Paige Miles.

After tonight's elimination show, there will be little time for sad goodbyes and reflection.

The contestants are required to have decided what song they'll sing for the following week by Thursday mornings. On Friday, they usually record the song for iTunes, and Saturdays are shoots with mentors, such as this week's guest, Usher.

On Sundays, they film music videos. Monday is filled with more recording and rehearsing.

The contestants also try to fit in shopping for that week's shows, as well as interviews with hometown media.

Miles says the jam-packed schedule can affect the contestant's song choice.

"We think about (that)



American Idol's latest castoff Paige Miles.

while selecting songs," she said. "What can you truly push out everyday in re-

**"We think about (that) ... What can you truly push out everyday in rehearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"**

Paige Miles, American Idol castoff

hearsal? What can you really commit to over the next several days?"

Last week, she was sent home after singing a version of Against All Odds that Randy Jackson described as "terrible" and Kara DioGuardi said it was possibly the worst vocal of the season.

The 10 contestants now remaining on American Idol will take part in the annual summer tour after the season ends.

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## UK's Lythgoe to receive award

**HONOUR** UK

uber-producer Nigel Lythgoe is being honoured with an award of excellence at the Banff World Television Festival and will deliver a keynote address.

The outspoken Brit is the driving force behind many of television's most-watched reality shows including American Idol, Survivor (UK) and Pop Idol (UK).

In front of the camera, he's best known as a judge on So You Think You Can Dance?, which he also executive produces and co-created.

As a choreographer, Lythgoe has worked with celebrities including Gene Kelly, Bing Crosby, Shirley Bassey and the Muppets.

Other TV stars set to speak at the four-day conference include comic Ricky Gervais, and the masterminds behind The Good Wife, Dexter, The Big Bang Theory and Breaking Bad.



Lythgoe

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When a flight attendant on an American Airlines flight to Las Vegas tried to wake Jim Belushi, popeater.com reports, the actor started an argument and the captain had to call the police to meet them at the gate, according to TMZ. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Courting Courtney

**HE'S A BRAVE BRAVE MAN AND OBVIOUSLY HAS A THING FOR WASHED-UP BLONDES** Courtney Love is dating Uma Thurman's ex-fiancé, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hole singer — widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain — began romancing hotelier André Balazs earlier this year and is completely smitten with the handsome businessman and insists the feeling is mutual.

She wrote in an email to a friend: "I'm in lurve (sic). It's nice. Scary. I'm a great catch and he can be a bad

boy but he loves me.

"He is the sweetest thing and he actually totally does respect me. His manners are impeccable but he is funny too (sic)."

Love — who has repeatedly claimed to have been defrauded of her wealth by various people — has been staying in a suite at the Mercer

Hotel in New York, which her new beau owns, but now says she is spoilt by choices over places where she can stay.

"He has properties everywhere and has given me the key to his apartment, but what is better than living in his hotel?" she said.

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# Puff, puff, pass the pumps

**THAT'S HOW THE REFRAIN GOES, RIGHT?** Lindsay Lohan has chosen an interesting way of addressing the cloud of suspicion she's been under since being snapped with white powder pumping out of her high-heels: Attack George Lopez, popeater.com reports.

The Mean Girls star took to her Twitter (what else?) to take on the comedian over a

supposed joke he made on the Monday episode of his late-night talk show, *George Lopez Tonight*.

According to reports, Lopez joked Lohan uses baby powder to loosen up her snug shoes.

This seemingly harmless riff set off Lohan, who wrote: "Thanks for the childish comment regarding baby powder in my shoes to

loosen up the leather ... don't you have kids?"

She then added, "Act like a grown man, have some respect and dignity for yourself."

Lopez did not make the jab during his monologue, nor in any clips made available by TBS for Monday.

Lohan was leaving a friend's house in Los Angeles on Saturday when a generous amount of white powder started shooting out of her shoes.

In some angles, it appeared there was smoke puffing out of her feet.

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# Carrie would know

**JEEZ, SARAH, WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE THE FICTIONAL CHARACTER YOU PLAY?** Sarah Jessica Parker is no good at giving relationship advice, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The *Sex and the City* star — who has three children with her husband of 12 years, Matthew Broderick — isn't an expert when it comes to romance, but thinks it's important for someone to have complete faith in their partner.

"Oh, I am not a good ad-

vise giver but I would say the obvious — lack of communication is where things go wrong for people," she said.

"I'm certainly no expert in relationships, God knows, but you need to be with someone who believes in you 100 per cent. If you don't have that, there's no point."

The 45-

year-old actress wants to be happily married for the rest of her life, and has admitted she wants to continue kissing her co-stars and husband until she is 70 or 80 years old.

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# Best couple they can be

**I THINK I JUST THREW UP A LITTLE BIT** Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt want the world to know that they're not splitting up, despite rumours that Montag was moving out of their Pacific Palisades home, according to *People* magazine.

"I'm not moving out," Montag says. "I love Spencer with all my heart."

The reality star admits that she and

her husband have had some ups and downs lately, though, even discussing divorce at one point.

"I was being dramatic," she says. "We've worked through things and will continue to work on our relationship so we're the best couple we can be."

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# Not completely honest

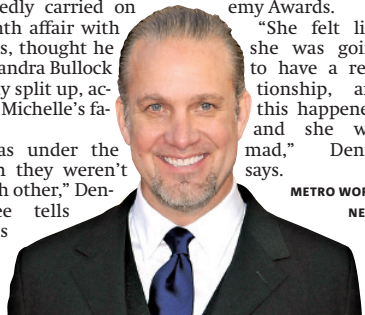
**HE LIED TO "BOMBSHELL" TOO. SHOCKER!** Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, the woman who allegedly carried on an 11-month affair with Jesse James, thought he and wife Sandra Bullock had already split up, according to Michelle's father.

"She was under the impression they weren't seeing each other," Denny McGee tells *Cleveland's* WJW-TV. Denny says

Michelle got quite a shock when she saw Bullock and James together at the Academy Awards.

"She felt like she was going to have a relationship, and this happened, and she was mad," Denny says.

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# There ain't no song

**NOPE, THAT'S IT. THERE JUST AIN'T NO SONGS** Amy Winehouse has reportedly delayed the release of her next album, according to digitalspy.com.

The singer allegedly travelled to Jamaica last month to work on the record but sparked concern that it would be postponed when she invited her partner Blake Fielder-Civil to join her.

The *Daily Star* has now claimed that

Winehouse decided to drop some tracks from the album because they were negative towards Fielder-Civil.

"Amy has written some of her best songs ever for this album but she now feels like they don't belong," a source explained.

"She's not going to put out an album just because her record company wants her to, so it's back to the drawing board."

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## CelebTweets

**ELIZABETH BANKS** is looking to celebrate, **GOLDIE HAWN** is enjoying the view, and **CONAN O'BRIEN** is learning about different religions.

@ElizabethBanks RNC partied at Voyer? That's where we had my bday party. I wanna party with the RNC & fret about Armageddon!

@goldiehawn Full moon tonight. The mountains surrounding our house are glowing white, mystical, I am reminded of the magic of life. Look up and dream

@ConanOBrien Jewish fun fact: If you celebrate Passover on top of an overpass, you go back in time.

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# Not taking the kids

**OH BUDDY, YOU REALLY MESSED THIS ONE UP** Reports that Sandra Bullock was going to go ahead with plans to adopt Jesse James' children despite their marital troubles are apparently false.

"There are no plans, nor have there ever been any plans, for Sandra Bullock to adopt any of Jesse James' children," her rep tells *People* magazine. Meanwhile, a source insists Bullock is going ahead with the divorce proceedings because the last month has left her feeling humiliated, sources tell *Radar Online*.

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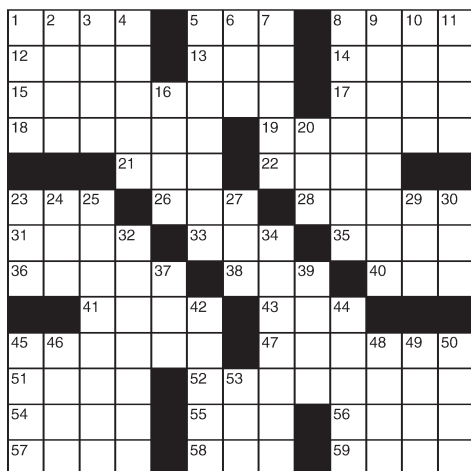






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## Take Five



### ACROSS

- 1 Unit of cultural information
- 5 "Flying Down to —"
- 8 Gospels' follower
- 12 Director Reitman
- 13 Work unit
- 14 Exceptional
- 15 Red flier
- 17 Very dry, as champagne
- 18 Guarantee
- 19 Chopin pieces
- 21 Church furniture
- 22 Information
- 23 Killer whale
- 26 Used 21-Across
- 31 Pinnacle
- 33 Meadow
- 35 Angry
- 36 Throat affliction
- 38 Pismire
- 40 Tend the lawn
- 41 Act

- 43 Society newbie
- 45 Treeless tract
- 47 What some guests become during a wedding
- 51 Sea eagle
- 52 Sweater type
- 54 Storyteller
- 55 Yoko of music
- 56 Creche
- 57 Privation
- 58 Yang counterpart
- 59 — school

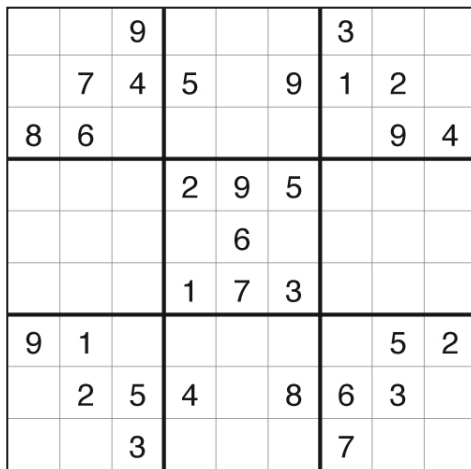
### DOWN

- 1 Cinderella's horses, before
- 2 Actress — Rachel Wood
- 3 The Red Planet
- 4 Ultimately become
- 5 Urban modernization
- 6 401(k) alternative
- 7 Looked lecherously
- 8 Creeper with
- 9 Spice in Indian cuisine
- 10 Verifiable
- 11 Collections
- 16 Enrages
- 20 Highland hat
- 23 Chances, for short
- 24 On a pension (Abbr.)
- 25 Cuban port city
- 27 Afternoon social
- 29 Expert
- 30 Stitch
- 32 Guardians
- 34 Half a pair at the fireplace
- 37 Energy
- 39 Take care of
- 42 Luring device
- 44 Goodyear symbol
- 45 Vend
- 46 56-Across, e.g.
- 48 Thickening agent
- 49 Carry on
- 50 Quick cut
- 53 Blackbird

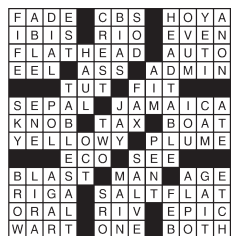
## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	2	8	9	1	4	5	7	6
4	7	6	5	3	8	9	1	2
9	5	1	2	6	7	3	4	8
7	6	2	3	9	5	1	8	4
8	1	9	4	7	6	2	5	3
5	4	3	1	8	2	6	9	7
1	3	7	6	4	9	8	2	5
6	8	5	7	2	1	4	3	9
2	9	4	8	5	3	7	6	1

### On the web

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## Metro Recipe of the Day



### Indian Spicy Potatoes with Spinach and Lentils

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 750 g potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 250 g spinach
- 3 1/2 tbsp peanut oil
- 1 onion, finely sliced
- 2-in. piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 green chili pepper, halved, seeded and finely sliced
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp ground turmeric
- 2 x 250-g packages cooked green lentils
- 2 garlic cloves, cut into fine shreds
- 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro

#### METHOD:

1. Cook potatoes until just tender. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, cook spinach in steamer over potatoes 3-4 minutes, or pierce bag of spinach several times and cook in microwave 2-3 minutes to wilt. Tip into colander and

drain, squeezing out liquid with spoon.

3. Heat large pan with 3 tsp oil. Add onion and cook over medium heat 2 minutes, then stir in ginger, chili pepper, coriander and turmeric. Cook a few seconds, then add potato cubes and stir-fry 3-4 minutes. Stir spinach into spicy potato mixture together with lentils. Season to taste. Heat gently until piping hot.

4. Heat remaining oil in small pan. Add garlic and cumin; cook until lightly browned. Stir in half of cilantro. Tip potato and lentil mixture into serving dish and sprinkle with garlic and cumin mixture and remaining cilantro.

#### SERVES 4

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton [sallybrompton.com](http://sallybrompton.com)

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**ARIES**  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
You need to bring balance and stability to your financial situation. Give it some thought.

**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21  
If a situation calls for tact today you will use it and get whatever it is that you desire.

**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23  
Practice what you preach today or leave yourself open to criticism. Resist the urge to cut corners and don't try to get something for nothing.

**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22  
Relationships of all kinds are about to enter a gentler, more tranquil phase. But don't let others think you've turned into an easy touch.

**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21  
Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart suggests there is something you would rather the world did not find out about you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21  
Make sure that what you have to do gets done properly. Don't cut corners or your reputation will suffer in the long-term.

**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22  
You can quite easily persuade other people to see things your way but make sure your way is the right way if you want to stay popular.

**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 20  
Why make life more complicated than it needs to be? What is meant to happen will happen at the right time.

**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23  
How important is ambition to you? Today's transit of Venus over the midheaven angle of your chart urges you to remember that it isn't everything.

**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18  
Make an effort to please other people today. Not everyone may deserve it but it will do your reputation a great deal of good.

**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEPT 22  
The less you reveal about your comings and goings today the more others will be intrigued.

**PISCES**  
FEB 19-MARCH 20  
You can get away with almost anything today, but that is not an excuse to break the rules.

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**This day in history**

1889 — The Eiffel Tower is inaugurated.

1912 — Construction is completed on the RMS Titanic.

1918 — Daylight saving time goes into effect in the United States for the first time.

1949 — The Dominion of Newfoundland joins the Canadian Confederation and becomes the 10th Province of Canada.

1985 — The first WrestleMania, the biggest wrestling event from the WWE, takes place in Madison Square Garden in New York.

2007 — In Sydney, Australia, 2.2 million people take part in the first Earth Hour.

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